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Torres urges USCIS to look into possible abuse of CW1 program

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is urging US. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials to review possible abuses of the CW1 program by some companies in the CNM. Torres wrote U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly to apprise the agency of these shady practices.

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HANMI occupancy 100 pct. in Feb.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported a record-breaking 99.87 -percent occupancy among 11 member hotels in February 2017, a 2-percent increase compared to February 2016.

Average room rates were the highest ever for February: $169.03 during the month, compared to $165.88 last February.

A total of 64,851 of 64,932 available room nights sold in

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Another vehicle stolen

A car that was parked behind the Sura Restaurant in Garapan was stolen early Sunday morning.

Maki Y. Aquino posted on her social media page that her 2015 Toyota Corolla LE sedan with license plate ACM 609 had been stolen.

Saipan Tribune called Aquino last night for an interview but she was not available.

Aquino's co-worker, who

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CLOTHING LINE
Customers browse at the Mågås display at the T Galleria luxury mall during the opening of the first ever local ready-to-wear brand, featuring exclusive designs for T Galleria only.
ERWIN ENCINARES

IN DISMISSING CUC SUIT OVER DENIAL OF CW-1 RENEWAL PETITIONS

Manglona rules DHS complied with CNRA

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A federal judge has determined that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security complied with the law when it rejected the renewal petitions of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for 13 of its foreign workers.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has determined that the U.S. Department of

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CNMI officials were joined by Imperial Pacific International executives in touring the progress of the ongoing construction of the $550-million Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel Saipan. The Garapan development—with the main building featuring a four-story Beaux-Arts-style of the famed Casino de Monte Carlo—is the flagship project of the Hong Kong-based investment giant and is considered the largest infrastructure investment in the Pacific region.

Hocog, Cing OK'd for appointments

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A Senate committee tasked with reviewing appointments to the CNMI government has recommended the appointment of two nominees to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s board of trustees.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres had nominated Dr. Larry Hocog as one of three representatives for Saipan and William Cing as Tinian's representative on the CHCC board.

Hocog is a practicing medical physician while Cing is the Tinian Health Center director.

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation, which reviewed Hocog and Cing's appointments, have recommended their appointments.

In a letter, to Senate President Arnold Palacios, the committee stated that their appointments "meets all the necessary requirements."

The two are expected to pass the Senate scrutiny in tomorrow's session.

CHCC CEO Esther Muña has declined to comment on the appointment of Hocog and Cing since they were first nominated by Torres last Feb. 8, 2017.

Majority of the CHCC employees argued against the passage of Public Law 19-78 saying the additional bureaucracy that could possibly hinder CHCC's ability to provide healthcare in times of urgent need.

The new law, which was introduced by former representative Felicidad Ogumoro, transformed the previous board's role from a recommending body into a governing one.

A day after the passage of PL 19-78, CHCC released a statement, saying the corporation intends to "move forward" and "continue to work toward providing better healthcare."

"We will not quit. We believe that an excellent healthcare system and a healthy population is possible in the CNMI. We won't stop aspiring towards these goals," Muna had said.

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Students invited to join AMP Reading Ranger Program

Students in the 3rd to 5th grades are being invited to join the American Memorial Park for a two-day reading program this month.

Called the Reading Ranger program, it will take place on March 23-24, 2017, from 9am to 4:30pm. Park rangers will be reading *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr. This book tells the story of a girl from Hiroshima who becomes sick with leukemia in the years after the atom bomb was dropped and her race to fold 1,000 paper cranes.

After reading the book, participates will engage in fun, learning activities and learn about the story's connections to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and the park. Students will also help to fold 1,000 paper cranes that will be sent to the Children's Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan, in recognition of World Peace Day.

To register, pick up a registration form at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center. For more information, call Jovanna Mafnas at 234-7207 x 2020 or via email at jmafnas@pacifichistoricparks.org.

The Reading Ranger Program was made possible through funds provided by non-profit partners Pacific Historic Parks. ***(NPS)***

Trial begins in case of Guam MMA fighter

The jury trial of a Guam mixed martial artist accused of punching a Garapan bar customer in the face began yesterday.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub called to the witness stand the government's first witness against David Aguon, Department of Public Safety police officer Flora Aguon.

Flora Aguon testified that police officer Jason Tarkong showed her photo of defendant Aguon but Tarkong, who was called to the witness stand, denied showing her any photo.

Defense attorney Victorino Torres moved to strike Officer Aguon's testimony

Associate Judge Joseph Camacho ordered the prosecution and the defense to brief the issue and argue the motion to exclude the identity of defendant today, Tuesday, at 9am.

In the defense's opening statement, attorney Matthew Holley, co-counsel of Torres, stated that the alleged victim was drunk and foul-mouthed at the White and Black Bar in western Garapan in March 2016.

Police said the victim, Christopher Broome, was taken to the hospital due to injuries to the bridge of his nose that required seven stitches.

Police said Broome told a police officer that he was punched in the face and was knocked out. Broome later identified the suspect inside the Tribes Bar in Garapan. Police then arrested Aguon. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

'IPI extension request likely to be approved'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that reasons beyond anyone's control caused delays with the construction of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's multi-million dollar integrated resort, the Imperial Pacific Resort.

IPI wrote Torres last month requesting an extension on the deadlines set in their lease agreement with the CNMI Lottery Commission.

Torres said they would mostly likely grant IPI's extension request, adding the casino-hotel operator's reasons were justifiable. He said he has already instructed the CNMI Lottery Commission chairman to meet and discuss IPI's request.

"We want to grant and extend IPI's request for reasons that they cannot avoid. I already asked the Lottery Commission to give [IPI] the extension they needed and they are going to meet to look into the request," Torres said.

"The Lottery Commission would look into the extension request and what are the requirements that need to be made. It was unfortunate that a typhoon hit us in 2015," he added.

IPI listed nine reasons in their request for extension with Typhoon Soudelor, the second most intense tropical cyclone in the world in 2015, among the most significant. Soudelor caused severe damage to IPI's construction site, with a number of heavy equipment becoming inoperable.

Torres said a temporary shortage of construction materials was also a factor. "There were also some materials that are not on island and they have to get cement from Guam. Looking at those factors [including Typhoon Soudelor], an extension is most likely. We want to see [IPI] succeed."

Torres said it was clear that IPI is working double time in order to meet some of the deadlines, but considerations could be given due to unavoidable circumstances. "It is a project that you see is progressing everyday."

"You can see construction activity and they have been working extremely hard. They are trying to work 24 hours to meet the deadline."

Unpredictable ground condition, dewatering issues, air rights agreement for tower cranes, inclement weather, lack of readily available skilled laborers, length of time to execute the public land lease for Garapan, and Mariana Resort's lease expiration were the other reasons cited by IPI chair Mark A. Brown.

NMC Foundation golf tournament draws 116 players

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The Northern Marianas College Foundation hosted last Saturday a fundraiser golf tournament at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort to raise funds for student services and programs and facility improvement at the lone college of the CNMI.

The foundation's 14th Annual Golf Tournament was attended by 116 participants.

"We are extremely grateful for the strong show of support by the many sponsors who helped the NMC Foundation by donating in-kind or cash prizes," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "We are also thankful to all the golf players who joined us on the golf course this past weekend."

Fernandez also thanked the volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to help organize the tournament.

A lunch banquet after the tournament also featured a raffle drawing for participants that included prizes, from golf balls to gift certificates, and a brand new iPhone 7.

The golf tournament featured hole-in-one prizes, including a 2017 Toyota Tacoma from Atkins Kroll Saipan, a 2017 Mazda6i Sport from Triple J Motors, roundtrip tickets to the U.S. from Delta Air Lines, and $5,000 each from Marianas Insurance, McDonald's Saipan, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters.

Participant Jang Hyew Duck struck a hole-in-one, receiving a hefty $5,000 reward donated by McDonald's Saipan.

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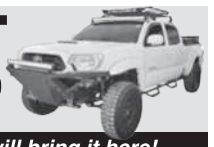
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Most young Americans don't see Trump as a legitimate leader

BY LAURIE KELLMAN and EMILY SWANSON,
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Jermaine Anderson keeps going back to the same memory of Donald Trump, then a candidate for president of the United States, referring to some Mexican immigrants as rapists and murderers.

"You can't be saying that (if) you're the president," says Anderson, a 21-year-old student from Coconut Creek, Florida.

That Trump is undeniably the nation's 45th president doesn't sit easily with young Americans like Anderson who are the nation's increasingly diverse electorate of the future, according to a new poll. A majority of young adults—57 percent—see Trump's presidency as illegitimate, including about three-quarters of blacks and large majorities of Latinos and Asians, the GenForward poll found.

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GenForward is a poll of adults age 18 to 30 conducted by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

A slim majority of young whites in the poll, 53 percent, consider Trump a legitimate president, but even among that group 55 percent disapprove of the job he's doing, according to the survey.

"That's who we voted for. And obviously America wanted him more than Hillary Clinton," said Rebecca Gallardo, a 30-year-old nursing student from Kansas City, Missouri, who voted for Trump.

Trump's legitimacy as president was questioned earlier this year by Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga.: "I think the Russians participated in helping this man get elected. And they helped destroy the candidacy of Hillary Clinton."

Trump routinely denies that and says he captured the presidency in large part by winning states such as Michigan and Wisconsin that Clinton may have taken for granted.

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"We write to make you aware of a potentially exploitative scheme used by dishonest companies, which could undermine the integrity of the Commonwealth-Only Transitional Worker Program and jeopardize our growing economy," Torres said in the letter.

Torres said his administration found out that some manpower agencies in the CNMI are applying CW1 permits on behalf of foreign workers even if there are no jobs. That is one reason why the cap was breached twice.

DHS decreases the number of CW1 permit it issues every fiscal year. The cap was first breached in fiscal year 2016, and again in 2017 where the numerical limit was filled up in the first two weeks. Operations of some business were gravely affected in both years because of the numerical cap being breached.

"After the cap was reached, some manpower companies then approach—typically construction businesses—and for a price offer to transfer the workers with CW permits to that business' employment," said Torres.

"Not all the permits issued to these manpower companies are successfully scalped, however. Some permits go unused. The result, legitimate companies that were crowded out of the CW application process are deprived of workers."

He said this practice is contrary to the program's intent. "We believe this practice of speculative acquisition to be contrary to the intent for which the CW program was created. And we expect this practice to continue, when USCIS reopens applications for [fiscal year] 2018 next month."

Torres said his administration is taking all possible steps, under local labor and business licensing laws, to combat this practice. These includes requiring construction and manpower agencies to obtain certificates of good standing by posting job vacancy announcements with the CNMI Department of Labor.

Still, DHS and USCIS need to step in so any abuse could stop. "To reinforce the [CNMI's] efforts to end this abuse, we ask that USCIS intensify review of all CW applicants."

"The review could include a comparison of the number of CW permits issued to an applicant and the number of CW workers actually employed by the applicant in a given fiscal year."

Torres suggested that what USCIS could do is to verify the location and work of the CW permit holder and match the description listed in any applicant's prior petitions. "The agency could also require that the applicant submit a valid contract for the work at which the CW workers are to be employed or other evidence of legitimate need."

He said the program remains vital to the CNMI economy, which is improving after years of either negative or slow growth.

"Although the number of U.S. workers has grown over the life of the CW program, the population of eligible U.S. workers on the islands remains insufficient to meet the demand for labor."

"Efforts to recruit U.S. workers from other parts of our nation have proven unsuccessful. It is equally vital, therefore, that we maintain the integrity of the CW program so that it can continue to help fill the labor needs of our economy."

CNMI Labor

Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero said they have received complaints and reports of possible violations, and other labor abuses but they do not discuss any or particular ongoing investigations.

"Absent conclusive investigation findings and subsequent exhausted legal and administrative processes…the CNMI DOL does not discuss any particular ongoing investigations," Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

"[We do] receive complaints, reports on potential violations, and other labor abuses, hence the need to proceed with the investigative process that [Labor] is guided with.. These investigations are acted upon by and through the CNMI DOL's Enforcement Division."

She also clarified that oftentimes, construction and manpower companies are interchangeably classified as the same line of business, where they have their North American Industry Classification System code.

There are currently 19 manpower agencies in the CNMI—18 on Saipan and one on Tinian—with NAICS code 56 with 671 employees under their business licenses. There are also currently 93 construction companies in the Commonwealth with NAICS code 23, with a total of 2,661 employees under the business license.

Saipan has 88 listed construction companies while five are on Tinian. DoL have yet to receive confirmation on the number of licensees under the NAICS code for Rota.

Latest validated numbers show that there are 10 employed in the construction industry on Rota.

HR 339

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) is hoping House Resolution 339 could finally pass its final hurdle, the U.S. Senate, so it could give some relief to the CNMI's current labor demands.

HR 339, if it becomes a law, would give temporary relief on the current workforce issues of the CNMI after the CW-1 cap was reached twice. HR 339 would increase the numerical cap to 15,000 in fiscal year 2017.

HR 339 was HR 6401 that Sablan introduced in the 114th Congress. His bill first passed the House in the last Congress but got stalled in the Senate in December last year.

He then reintroduced the bill in the 115th Congress as HR 339, at the start of the session in January and it easily passed the House without objections. The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, chaired by Sen. Lisa Murkowki (R-Alaska), is now reviewing the bill.

Sablan remains hopeful the Senate would finally act on it with just eight months left before fiscal year 2017 ends. "After twice passing our bill in the House without dissent, we are working hard to get the Senate to do the same and lift the CW cap for [FY 2017]."

He, however, encourages businesses to hire and train the local workforce. "I know that the hospital and businesses, large and small, in the Marianas will start losing legacy employees, as soon as April, if more CW permits are not made available."

"I urge employers to redouble their efforts to train, recruit, and retain local and U.S. workers. In the long run that is the only sustainable answer to our labor needs in the Marianas."

HR 339 would also increase the education fee for each approved CW permit of a foreign worker from $150 to $200, with the funds going to train U.S. qualified workers.

VEHICLE

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requested not to be identified, confirmed that the car is indeed missing.

The co-worker said it was he who parked the car behind Sura Restaurant on Saturday at 9pm.

He said the car was still behind the restaurant on

Sunday at about 1am because Aquino went back to get something from the vehicle.

The co-worker said it was after 30 minutes when they learned that the car was gone.

Aquino stated in her post that she still has the car key and had locked the vehicle.

Inside the car are Aquino's identification cards, wallet, purse, cellphone, cash, and paycheck.

She reportedly called all towing companies and the Department of Public Safety to find out if they had taken her vehicle but all replied in the negative.

Aquino appealed to the police and public to help her find her vehicle.

Last Feb. 19, a red 1998 Toyota Hilux pickup truck with license plate ABK-269 owned by June Alipio, was stolen in As Lito.

Despite a $300 cash reward he offered, Alipio has not received tips or any information about his truck and who stole it.

DPS and the NMI Crime Stoppers Program have yet to release information about the two cases. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

MANGLONA

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Homeland Security complied with both the Consolidated Natural Resources Act and the Administrative Procedure Act when it rejected CUC's renewal petitions for its 13 CW-1 workers or CNMI-only transitional workers.

Manglona said she has previously determined the CW-1 cap set for fiscal year 2016 to be valid. Because DHS a lawfully adhered to the limit mandated by the CNRA in rejecting CUC's petitions, injury cannot result from the enforcement of a valid cap, she said.

Manglona made the determination in her written order last week, March 13, that dismissed CUC's and the 13 workers' complaint against DHS and its co-defendants.

The judge determined that any amendment to the lawsuit would be futile.

Manglona ruled that the court has subject matter jurisdiction to determine whether DHS has acted contrary to law, in an arbitrary and capricious manner, or abused its discretion when setting the annual CW-1 caps for fiscal years 2013 through 2017.

CUC and its 13 alien workers sued DHS, then-DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson and others for allegedly not acting on CUC's petitions for CW-1 permit renewals.

DHS and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services rejected CUC's renewal petitions for its 13 alien workers for fiscal 2016.

The CW-1 cap for fiscal 2016, which ran from Oct. 1, 2015 through Sept. 30, 2016, was set at 12,999.

Sometime after May 5, 2016, but before the expiration of their current CW-1 permits, CUC submitted renewal petitions for the 13 workers.

The 13 workers' permits expired on various dates in June, July, August, and September 2016.

In a letter dated June 8, 2016, DHS and USCIS notified CUC that all 13 renewal petitions were rejected due to three reasons.

One reason is that USCIS had received a sufficient number of petitions to reach the CW-1 cap for fiscal 2016.

The second is that May 5, 2016, was the final receipt date for CW-1 worker petitions requesting an employment start date before Oct. 1, 2016.

The last reason is that the petitions arrived at the California Service Center after May 5, 2016, and did not qualify for exemption from the CW-1 cap.

Three weeks after receiving the notice of rejection, CUC and its 13 workers, through counsel James Sirok, sued.

HANMI

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February 2017, compared to 65,592 of 66,961 available room nights sold over the same period last year.

"One hundred percent average occupancy and the highest average room rates for February ever for HANMI member hotels…it doesn't get any better than that," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "Looking ahead, it's imperative to continue this growth momentum. As stated in the Marianas Visitors Authority's tourism sustainability study, we need to incentivize hotel renovations so we stay current with the times and with competition destinations. We strongly hope the Legislature and administration will look at extending or renewing the public land leases of our hotel members. This is something we have been requesting for almost four years now. Timing is more crucial. We risk losing our edge as an industry if this is not addressed immediately."

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects.

Membership in HANMI is open to all qualified hotels, motels, guest houses and other lodging entities for tourists, as well as affiliated businesses. Applications for 2017 membership are now being accepted. For more information or to request a membership application, visit www.saipanhotels.org. ***(PR)***

Ex-cop Hocog charged with selling 'ice' again

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Former police officer Victor Val Borja Hocog has been charged again, this time for allegedly selling crystal meth on Saipan last September.

According to documents filed in Superior Court, the Office of the Attorney General filed an information last March 8, charging the 42-year-old Hocog with trafficking of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Hocog appeared without counsel at his arraignment on March 13. Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja appointed assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit as his counsel.

Hocog pleaded not guilty to the charges.

There will be a status conference on March 28 at 9am before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley appeared for the government.

According to court papers, CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Hocog on Oct. 10, 2016, after he allegedly sold $240 worth of methamphetamine or "ice" to a "cooperating source" in As Lito on Sept. 15, 2016.

The case was sealed and Hocog was later released after he promised to assist law enforcement as a confidential informant. The case was unsealed and Hocog was re-arrested after he allegedly failed to cooperate in ongoing investigations.

The OAG filed the information last March 8. Hocog was not re-arrested; the clerk of court instead summoned him to appear for last Monday's arraignment.

Regarding Hocog's alleged drug activities, investigator George Fleming David stated in his report that their "cooperating source" managed to buy $240 worth of "ice" during a buy-walk operation in the parking lot of a store in As Lito last Sept. 15.

David said their "cooperating source" was able to purchase "ice" from Hocog a month before that operation.

David said at the Sept. 15 drug-walk operation, Hocog and the "cooperating source" agreed to meet in the parking lot of a store in As Lito.

While the "cooperating source" was waiting for Hocog in the parking lot, the defendant allegedly sent a text message, asking the "cooperating source" to instead meet him at his residence on Chalan Martinez Road in As Lito.

David said Hocog was referring to the residence of his parents.

The "cooperating source" stated that a friend only dropped him/his off at the store's parking lot.

Hocog allegedly later texted that he was on his way to the store's parking lot.

David said after a few minutes, Hocog texted again, asking the "cooperating source" to meet with him elsewhere.

The "cooperating source" told Hocog he could not go somewhere else because his/her friend would be coming back.

Hocog allegedly replied he was on his way.

David said Hocog arrived aboard a Toyota pickup truck with license plate ADF-201 at the store's parking lot and the "cooperating source" then went inside the truck for the drug purchase.

David said during a test, the "ice" that Hocog sold to the "cooperating source" was presumptive positive for the presence of meth.

Pertaining to his prior criminal convictions, on Sept. 25, 2014, Hocog was sentenced to 15 months in prison without parole after he pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance. The defendant was credited for 226 days of time served. His release date from the Department of Corrections was April 15, 2015.

Drug Enforcement Task Force police detective Jeffrey I. Norita stated in his report that during two transactions in January 2014, the then-active police officer Hocog handed a total of $100 worth of "ice" to the Task Force's "cooperating source" at a poker arcade in As Lito.

During the first transaction, Norita said, Hocog used a brown sports utility vehicle bearing a license plate AEG-871.

Officers revealed that the SUV was then leased to the office of then-senator Victor Hocog, who is the defendant's father and is now the lieutenant governor.

In 2009, the OAG charged the younger Hocog with assault and battery, attempted kidnapping, kidnapping, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

In 2011, he pleaded guilty to assault and battery. Naraja sentenced him to one year in prison, all suspended except for nine days. Naraja gave him credit for the 9 days of time served.

The Department of Public Safety hired Hocog back in August 2013. It's not clear as to when DPS terminated him.

Man gets 6.5 years in prison for sexual abuse of minor girl

A 43-year-old man who sexually abused a then-14-year-old girl in November 2013 was slapped on Friday with 6.5 years of imprisonment.

Jose Mendiola Cepeda was sentenced to 15 years in prison, all suspended except for 6.5 years, for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

He was given credit for 27 days of time served.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo said the sentence shall be served without the possibility of parole.

Cepeda was allowed to start serving the prison term at the Department of Corrections this Friday at 8am.

After completing his prison term, he will be placed on supervised probation for 10 years.

Cepeda was ordered to pay a $2,000 fine, $100 court costs, and $1,000 probation fees. He was required to pay restitution in the amount of $842 for psychological examination costs and $487 for the costs of the psychological examination report.

He was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service, register with the CNMI Sex Offender Registry, and submit to an examination focusing on sex offender counseling.

During his probation, Cepeda will be prohibited from having any contact with the victim and shall stay away from her house, school, and employment.

Cepeda signed a plea deal. He pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree on May 10, 2016.

The remaining count of sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree was dropped.

Cepeda sexually abused the victim in November 2013 on Saipan.

The plea deal recommends a sentence between five and eight years of actual jail time.

Chief Prosecutor Michele Harris, counsel for the government, recommended a sentence of eight years in prison.

Attorney Michael W. Dotts, counsel for Cepeda, recommended five-year imprisonment., characterizing Cepeda's crime as not that of a sexual predator or pedophile Dotts said it was essentially a crime of opportunity as the two were alone on the couch.

Dotts said nothing in the record suggests that Cepeda will commit the offense again or pose a danger to the society. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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High court reverses Guiao conviction

On March 20, 2017, the Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Commonwealth v. Carmelita M. Guiao*, 2017 MP 2. The high court, in two to one majority, granted Carmelita M. Guiao's petition for a rehearing and, upon rehearing, reversed her conviction of assault with a dangerous weapon and remanded the case for a new trial.

Guiao was tried before a jury and was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon for hitting her then-boyfriend John Saimon with a hot frying pan.

Guiao appealed her conviction with the Supreme Court in 2013, arguing, among other issues, that her due process rights were violated because the trial court refused to provide jury instructions on assault and assault and battery as lesser included offenses of assault with a dangerous weapon.

In 2015, the Supreme Court affirmed the conviction, concluding the trial court had no duty to provide the lesser included offense instructions because the jury was only responsible for deciding the greater offense of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Subsequently, Guiao petitioned for a rehearing, arguing the high court made an error in its decision. In her petition, Guiao argued the lesser included offense instruction was warranted by the evidence and the Supreme Court erred in concluding that lesser offense jury instruction is not required when the offense is before the bench and not the jury.

On review, the majority concluded the trial court was correct to deny a lesser included jury instruction on assault but should have given a lesser included instruction of assault and battery. Under 6 CMC 102(f), a dangerous weapon is one that is capable of causing fatal wound or injury. The majority determined the trial court should have provided the jury the lesser included instruction of assault and battery because there was "substantial evidence casting doubt on whether the pan in question was a dangerous weapon."

Associate Justice John A. Manglona dissented, expressing his view that the trial court's denial of a jury instruction on the lesser included offense of assault and battery in this case was not plain error, and therefore the 2015 decision did not warrant rehearing.

The high court's full opinion is available at http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme16.html. For further information, contact the Supreme Court at 236-9800. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

Rudnytsky kicks off his first concert

Roman Rudnytsky kicked off the first of two concerts on Saipan at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret last Saturday, March 18.

The award-winning Marianas High School Glee Club's Rhythm 'N Harmony started Rudnytsky's concert.

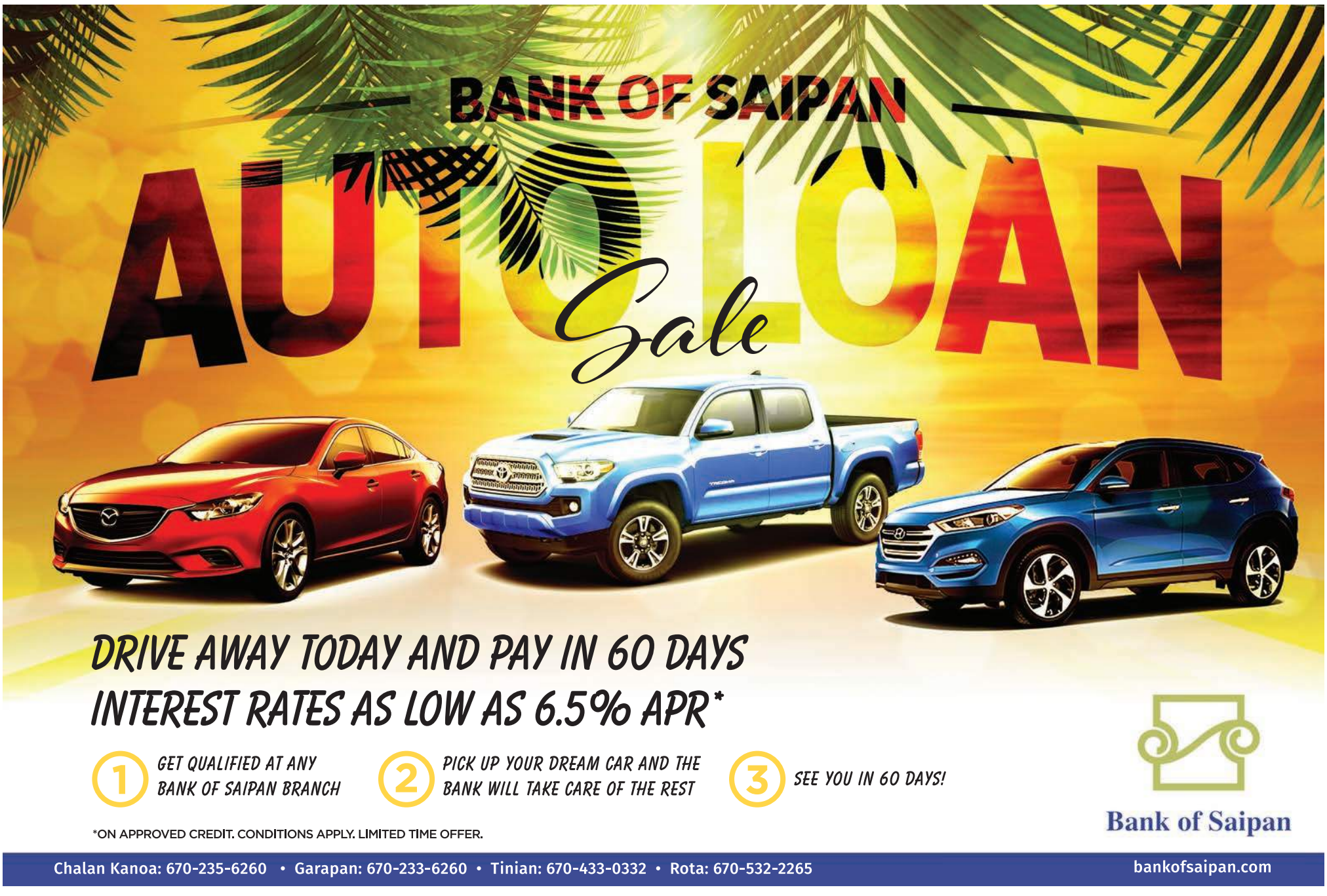
Rudnytsky is no stranger to Saipan. His current visit is now his eighth since 1990, when he was first invited to perform.

"I enjoy the ambiance… I always have a very nice time. I enjoy the views, the weather, the people, and especially the food," Rudnytsky told *Saipan Ttribune.*

Rudnytsky also goes to many CNMI schools to play and discuss music. So far this time, he has visited Agape Christian School, Marianas High School, Oleai Elementary School, Tanapag Middle School, Cha Cha High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Whispering Palms.

Rudnytsky travels at his own expense and donates his time to the community.

He will have his second concert on Friday, March 24, at the American Memorial Park theater. It is free of charge. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***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The Northern Marianas College and the Department of Public Safety signed an agreement last Friday for the joint operation of a police academy and to provide enhanced training and development activities for new police cadets. The agreement was signed by (left to right, seated) DPS Commissioner Robert Deleon Guerrero, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. Police cadets from the current Police Academy cohort are behind them.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scheduled power outages on March 22, 23

There will be a scheduled power interruption tomorrow, March 22, 2017, from 9am to 1pm, to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to replace a rotted primary power pole in China Town, to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

China Town will be affected (Executive Ct., Husga Av., President St., Ruler Ct., and Governor P1.).

Another scheduled power outage will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 9am to 1:30pm to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace four wooden power poles with concrete poles along Naftan Road in Dandan.

Areas to be affected: Naftan Road, Dandan (Hawaiian Rock Quarry and Guerrero residence). ***(CUC)***

PH consulate holds outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine honorary consul to CNMI, Glicerio Arago, is holding a mobile consular outreach on Saipan at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Hall in Susupe, from March 19 to March 22. Applicants on the biometrics capturing list are advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule. Due to the start of the new ePassport system, we are strictly implementing the cancellation of "no show" applicants. For more information, call (670) 233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. ***(PR)***

Navy training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- March 21 from noon to 5:3pm
- March 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 6pm
- March 23 from 10 a.m. to 7:30pm
- March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30pm

The Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on March 21-23 from noon to 10pm.

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. ***(PR)***

Bodybuilding contest on March 25

The 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding & Physique Contest will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, starting at 3m at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Admission is $10 per person. There will be an entry fee of $15 per competitor.

Ursula Martin, who was expected to be present on March 25, 2017, will be unable to attend due to the death of her brother and illness of their mother.

However, the contest will still go on as scheduled. Registration for competitors is ongoing and registration forms may be obtained from Jocelyn Itibus (287-1232 or jocelynitibus@gmail.com), Karen Davis (789-9214 or karen.davis0812@gmail.com) or Jeanne Rayphand (287-9807 or jeanneesq@yahoo.com or NMPASI office). Admission tickets are also available. ***(PR)***

CCA board to meet today

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting today, March 21, 2017, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president, and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(CCA)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-021

IFET DRIVE 4-INCH WATERLINE PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new 4-inch & 6-inch distribution lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new flush hydrant, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **120 calendar days** from date of award of contract

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **March 29, 2017** at **10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-021, Ifet Drive 4-Inch Waterline Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on April 05, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

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All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on March 31, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Effective March 20, 2017, all DCRM permit applicants are required to obtain a payment voucher from DCRM before remitting payment for any and all application fees to the CNMI Treasurer. All payments made to the CNMI Treasurer must be accompanied by a DCRM payment voucher. DCRM will require all receipts of transactions to be accompanied by a payment voucher when submitting any and all applications.

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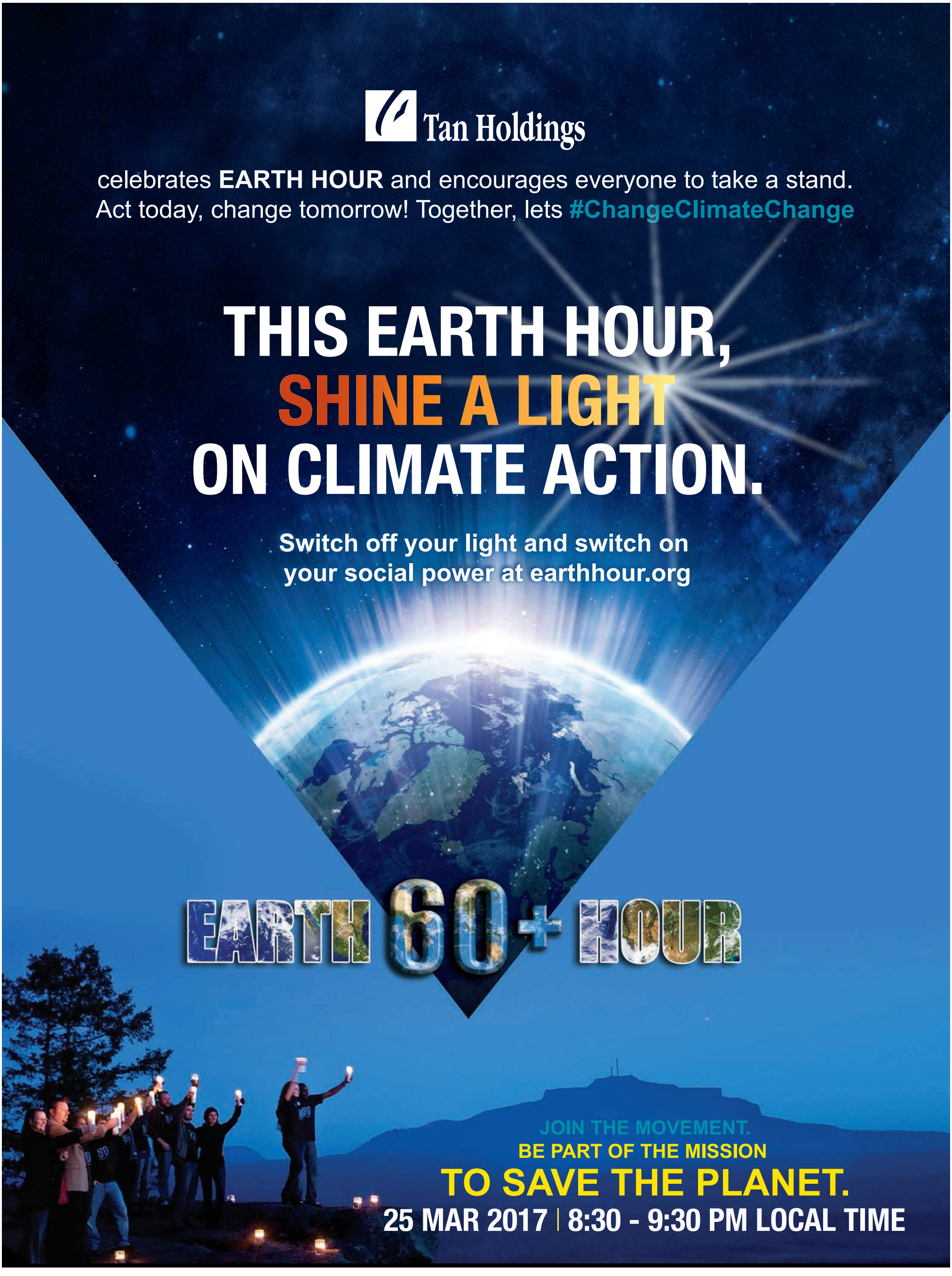
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In the war on science, the EPA is the first casualty

Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, recently touched off the most easily predicted firestorm in agency history when he announced on CNBC that he does not believe carbon dioxide is a primary contributor to global warming.

"I think that measuring with precision human activity on the climate is something very challenging to do and there's tremendous disagreement about the degree of impact, so no, I would not agree that it's a primary contributor to the global warming that we see," he told CNBC on March 9. "But we don't know that yet. ... We need to continue the debate and continue the review and the analysis."

The rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide has been inexorable since the beginning of the industrial age, when human beings began burning fossil fuel at ever-increasing rates.

The EPA's own webpage states flatly (for the time being) that "Carbon dioxide is the primary greenhouse gas that is contributing to recent climate change." Generations yet unborn will pay the price for Pruitt's willful ignorance.

No one familiar with Pruitt's record as Oklahoma's attorney general should have been surprised by his remark. He filed 14 lawsuits against the EPA challenging various agency rules and regulations that bothered the oil and gas industry, which controls politics in Oklahoma. President Trump named Pruitt to head the EPA precisely because he shared Pruitt's facts-be-damned attitude.

Pruitt and Trump are making policy that defies settled science.

For starters, they're pulling the U.S. out of the Paris accords on climate change; abandoning the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan that places restrictions on coal-burning power plants; threatening to roll back mileage standards for American-made cars and trucks; and abandoning the Obama administration's Waters of the United States rule. It's settled science that what goes into a small stream eventually makes its way into a large stream, usually by way of municipal drinking water systems. All of these changes would save industries money, but all would make the air and water dirtier and more dangerous.

The Trump administration, in service of its goal of raising military spending by $52 billion, hopes to cut the EPA's $8.2 billion budget by 31 percent. Congress is unlikely to go along with that, because here's the EPA's dirty little secret:

Most of EPA's spending isn't on climate change research, though that will certainly be gone. Most of its money is spent on grants to state and local governments for a variety of clean water, clean air and environmental cleanup programs. Grants to small-town and big city water and sewage systems and industrial site cleanups would be reduced.

Out where people live, they like clean air and water. If Republicans gut the EPA budget, they'll find that out.

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It's all right if your country does something for you

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As Republicans struggle to cobble together a replacement for Obamacare, Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) came up with this somewhat condescending and revealing remark:

"So maybe, rather than getting that new iPhone that they just love and they want to go spend hundreds of dollars on, maybe they should invest in their own healthcare. They've got to make those decisions themselves."

This is a good example of blame shifting, the kind of thinking that holds the victim responsible for his own dilemma. Often it's motivated by self-exoneration, that is, the unburdening of oneself of any responsibility for the predicaments of others. This attitude is prominent among those who have already largely escaped the challenges and discomforts of ordinary life, whether through their own efforts or those of others.

Thus, the wealthy and fit wonder why, if the poor are so, well, poor, so many of them are well-fed to the point of obesity.

They accuse single mothers on welfare of having more children as a way to increase their monthly incomes. And they imagine that some in our society choose unemployment because they can make more money off the government than they can by working.

People who hold views such as these aren't usually impressed by facts. In reality, Americans of all classes are putting on too much weight. Mothers who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children actually have about the same number of children (1.9) as mothers who do not receive aid. And the unemployment rate in this country is edging close to full employment.

Chaffetz's iPhone remark has several purposes: self-praise ("I believe in self-reliance," he says); the insinuation of shame and irresponsibility on others (if you were as self-reliant as Chaffetz, you'd have health insurance already); and justification for repealing healthcare reform that is working reasonably well and replacing it with one that will cause millions to lose health insurance and raise the cost for many more.

Do not fall for any of this.

During his inaugural speech on Jan. 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

But this remark is easily misappropriated. Conservatives may prefer to emphasize the second clause, but there's nothing shameful about good citizens expecting to enjoy the benefits of citizenship in a great nation.

Republicans have achieved considerable political traction by imagining an undeserving underclass of "welfare queens," of the 47 percent of us who are "takers" and, in the current incarnation, of "losers" who mooch off the efforts of the hardworking "winners."

And because this underclass is largely responsible for creating their situations by wasting their money on iPhones, rich food and TVs, the wealthy have provided for themselves guilt-free space to take national benefits away from the not-so-well-off and arrange more tax cuts for themselves.

Which is precisely the effect of the proposed "skinny budget" that President Trump published last week.

But the "losers" versus "winners" construction is mostly imaginary and mostly wrong. The irresponsibility of the "losers" is overstated for political purposes and the success of the "winners" depends on our nation's natural resources, which belong to all of us, our national infrastructure, which is the product of the contributions of all citizens and the stability that results from the willingness of the "underclass" to abide by the status quo.

In 1961 President Kennedy encouraged Americans to ask what they could do for their country. Many thousands responded and served in programs such as the Peace Corps and VISTA. Within a decade more than three million had served in Vietnam; more than 58,000 never came back.

Most of these Americans worked hard, obeyed our laws, paid their taxes and provided the stable, safe environment that made it possible for people like our president to make fortunes.

So they have a right to expect good public schools, safe highways and bridges, a clean environment, decent working conditions and a dignified retirement. And an iPhone.

And they should not be in the least embarrassed, shy or apologetic about expecting the wealthy to pay more to support these benefits of citizenship.

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By GREG BORJA
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March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, and the National Disability Rights Network have created a campaign that seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life, as well as barriers that people with disabilities sometimes face when connecting with the communities they live in.

This week, March 20-24, 2017, the focus is on communities. The CNMI is made up of a diverse population of individuals from around the world. Through our cultures we develop our values, beliefs, and traditions that make each of our communities unique. One community that is often ignored is that of people with disabilities. Disabilities can affect the lives of anyone regardless of race, gender, or culture. Those who live with developmental disabilities have had to do so typically from birth, as developmental disabilities occur prior to the age of 22 years old, and result in three or more functional limitations.

Many of our family members and/or friends may be people with disabilities, whether they became disabled at an early age or acquired a disability later in life as an effect of the aging process. At times people with disabilities, in order to participate fully in our communities, require supports for their individual needs. There is financial support available from the Social Security Administration, nutrition support from the Nutrition Assistance Program, and medical support from the Medicaid Office. Knowing how to access these supports may be a challenge, but they are there to help us.

Through kindness and respect we can include people with disabilities in our daily activities since we do live in communities side by side.

For more information on the supports available for people with disabilities living in our community, please contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. at 235-7273/4 or visit us online at www.nmpasi.org.

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Travel ban is a Muslim ban, any way you slice it

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Philadelphia Daily News

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Religion is very important to me. I'm not unusual. According to a recent Pew report, three-quarters of Americans said that religion was at least "somewhat important" in their lives, and well over half said that it was "very important." Only 11 percent said that it was "not important."

We are privileged to live in a country where our respective faiths are generally protected and respected. Of course, there are the random acts of bigotry, like overturned gravestones, the heckling of men and women in religious garb and the destruction of religious icons. Sometimes Muslims live in fear, sometimes Jews and sometimes Christians are the ones picking up the shattered glass from their vandalized churches.

But for the most part, we do not cower in basements to read the New Testament, the Torah or the Quran. While religion might only be "somewhat important," the right to believe or disbelieve without any sanction or explanation is the single most important incident of our collective citizenship.

That is why I was smiling on Wednesday evening and again on Thursday morning when I learned President Trump's second "travel ban" was blocked by courts in Hawaii and Maryland.

Because, and you have to listen to me closely without putting on the cartoonish "anti-" and "pro-" immigration uniforms, this travel ban was not aimed at travel. It was aimed at religion.

Most of those who support Trump's attempts to limit the issuance of visas to citizens of certain countries truly believe there is a nexus between the nationality of those citizens and the bombs that explode in marketplaces and churches, outside synagogues and at airports. More important, they believe that it is not only the passports of those citizens that predict the propensity toward terror, but their professed faith.

I know our president believed that, at least judging from what he said on the campaign trail, when he was "calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States." To be fair, he added that the shutdown would only be temporary, until "our country's representatives can figure out what is going on." Of course, given the agility of our politicians and the speed with which they act, that means we'll be waiting until the 12th day in the month of Never.

When the administration tried to present its first, ill-fated immigration initiative as just a travel ban, most of us who remembered his comments about Muslims said "that's not what you said the first time, Mr. President." We also recalled the pithy observations of one of Trump's policy gurus, Stephen Miller, who was instrumental in crafting the original, ill-fated ban and who has a history of attacking "Islamofascism." Miller confirmed in a Fox News interview that the second ban was basically the first one wrapped up in prettier paper. In fact, he said, "Fundamentally, you're still going to have the same basic policy outcome for the country."

That policy outcome was to make sure that immigrants from majority-Muslim countries would not be able to come into the country, in some cases for 90 days, in some cases for much longer, in some cases permanently.

Another reason the travel ban is actually a Muslim ban is because it conveniently forgot to put Venezuela on the list, the native country of Carlos the Jackal, a most prolific terrorist, or Colombia, or Ireland, or Croatia, or Cuba, or many other countries with non-Muslim majority populations that have been the source of much of the world's terrorist acts over the past 40 years. Here are some of the groups that have been responsible for the majority of the confirmed terrorist attacks since 1980, according to the National Consortium on Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism:

The Ku Klux Klan, Medellin Drug Cartel, Irish Republican Army, Chicano Liberation Front, Aryan Nation, Gay Liberation Front, National Front for the Liberation of Cuba, Jewish Defense League, Anti-Castro Group, American Indian Movement and the May 19 Communist Order. If they were still around, you could throw in the Weather Underground and the Black Panthers, and you'd probably have more communists and atheists setting off bombs than Muslims.

But for some reason, it is popular to conflate Muslims with terror and Muslim immigrants with terrorists. This is why the revised travel ban was doomed to at least short-term failure, because the people who were closest to the president acknowledged that its central purpose hadn't changed since day one: Keep the bad Muslims out of the country until we can figure out who the good ones are.

Replace Muslim with Jew, Catholic, gay, black, nun, Irishman, Rudy Giuliani or any other random classification, and see how well that would hold up in court. It wouldn't, and it hasn't.

Don't get me wrong. I'm aware there is a troubling confluence of Islamist philosophy and violent reaction. There are very few people who commit terror in the name of Christianity, even though there are a lot of Christians who have committed terror over the years. But the fact that far too many people commit terror in the name of Islam does not mean that they are true Muslims or that they represent the faith.

This travel ban was both too broad and too narrow. It was doomed to failure the minute the Trump supporters said it was "the same basic policy."

So, back to the drawing board, Mr. President. And this time, take the crayons out of amateurs' hands, otherwise Barron will be ready for Medicare by the time you get this right.

How to sell conservatives on the environment

By MARK BUCHANAN
BLOOMBERG VIEW

The presidency of Donald Trump is threatening to be a disaster for the environment. To limit the damage, environmentalists must learn how to talk to a group that they haven't always courted: conservatives.

With Republican backing, Trump has set about nixing regulations on a host of environmental issues. He has annulled regulations preventing industries from leaking chemicals into wetlands, rivers and streams and looks set to roll back automobile fuel efficiency standards. He wants to slash the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency, and has appointed an EPA head who doesn't believe that humans are responsible for climate change.

From this and the media, one could get the impression that conservatives and Republicans are pretty much unanimous on such issues.

Yet the kind of deregulation that Trump is pursuing doesn't necessarily reflect conservative values. As Ronald Reagan put it, preserving the environment is "not a partisan challenge; it's common sense."

More than a dozen significant conservative groups agree. ConservAmerica _ known before 2012 as Republicans for Environmental Protection _ recently unveiled a proposal to give tax breaks to companies that produce energy with zero carbon dioxide emissions. The Michigan Conservative Energy Forum fights utilities' attempts to block the growth of solar energy, while Conservatives for Energy Freedom works to support renewable and decentralized energy sources.

Learning how the views of these conservatives differ from typical liberal orthodoxy may be key to building a larger coalition.

In a recent study, for example, sociologists David Hess and Kate Pride Brown found that conservatives on both sides of the environmental debate tend to appeal to the same set of values: national security, small government, free markets, personal liberty and job creation. Framing issues in such terms can thus be useful. Psychological studies indicate that when protecting the environment is cast as being about defending the purity of nature, expressing patriotism or obeying authority _ or when the message comes from other conservatives _ they respond much more favorably.

For this reason, pro-environment conservative groups could be decisive. As Republicans have moved strongly to the right, sociologist Aaron McCright argues, such groups have occupied the abandoned center. This actually leaves them well-positioned to recruit other conservatives, cooperate on specific policies with more liberal groups and help dispel the notion that being on the right means you must agree with Trump's policies.

At the state and local level, where officials must deal with the practical consequences of climate change, many do very much care about the environment.

To that end, liberal groups must be willing to cooperate with, rather than criticize, their counterparts at the other end of the political spectrum _ a sort of goodwill that ConservAmerica President Rob Sisson says isn't always forthcoming.

Especially now, the environment needs all the allies it can get, and conservatives are probably the most valuable.

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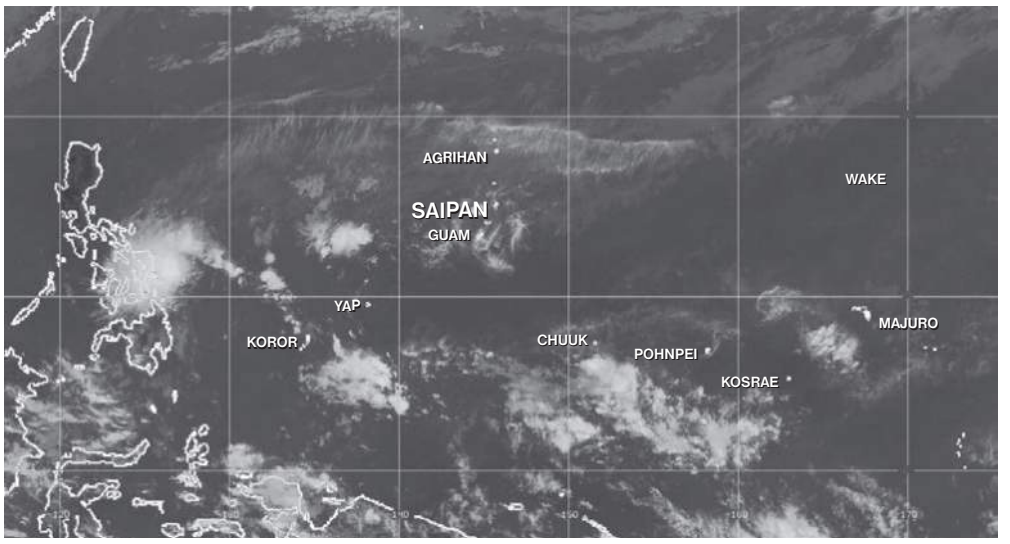
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86º ▼76º	▲86º ▼76º	▲88º ▼77º	▲88º ▼78º	▲88º ▼78º

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:15 AM, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows a shear line passing through the Rota channel. This will create scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms through tonight from Rota northward. Improving weather already at Guam will gradually spread northward starting Tuesday. Dry season is beginning to reassert itself after an unseasonably late arrival of a shear line. Look for showers to decrease today starting at Guam and spreading northward. Skies will begin to clear in a similar fashion Tuesday. Afterward, a fair trade-wind regime is expected to dominate for the rest of the forecast period. The previous run of the GFS brought a shear line down at the end of the month. This run is backing off though and the ECMWF was not really liking that either. Considered this highly speculative so left it out of the forecast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Overcast	83 | 78 °F
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	88 | 77 °F
Yap	Rain	82 | 71 °F
Chuuk	Overcast	83 | 80 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast	80 | 79 °F
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86 | 79 °F
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	86 | 79 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	74 | 61 °F
Beijing	Overcast	66 | 45 °F
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	80 | 68 °F
Honolulu	Clear	84 | 71 °F
London	Drizzle	56 | 37 °F
Los Angeles	Overcast	75 | 55 °F
Manila	Clear	91 | 73 °F
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	82 | 64 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	74 | 60 °F
New York	Clear	51 | 41 °F
Osaka	Clear	65 | 48 °F
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	55 | 46 °F
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	60 | 44 °F
Rome	Clear	64 | 49 °F
Salem	Clear	57 | 40 °F
San Francisco	Overcast	66 | 54 °F
Seoul	Overcast	58 | 39 °F
Tokyo	Clear	62 | 50 °F
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	57 | 44 °F

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:51 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.48
8:01 AM	LOW TIDE	1.16
12:54 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.53
8:39 PM	LOW TIDE	0.26

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:20 AM	6:27 PM
Wednesday	6:19 AM	6:28 PM
Thursday	6:19 AM	6:28 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	6:28 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:43 AM	12:22 PM	-
Wednesday	1:32 AM	1:12 PM	-
Thursday	2:20 AM	2:03 PM	-
Friday	3:08 AM	2:56 PM	-
Saturday	3:55 AM	3:50 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 1, 2017

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
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3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Virgo cruise starts with a food trip

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MANILA, Philippines—A tourism trend that has yet to take root in the CNMI is the concept that food in itself can be a come-on for tourists to visit a destination.

The epicurean tour has long been established in the Philippines and during the launch and accompanying familiarization tour of Resorts World Manila's Stay and Cruise package, media from the Northern Marianas and Guam found themselves gorging on plate-loads of food to their heart's content.

After a short three-and-a-half hour trip from Guam via Cebu Pacific that was preceded by a short commute from Saipan for media from the CNMI, the assembled tour participants of RWM's Stay and Cruise program went straight to Sharmila Ihaw-Ihaw Paluto Seafood Restaurant along Macapagal Avenue in Pasay City.

MARK RABAGO

Pancit canton made a cameo at Copa de Manila's breakfast buffet spread.

The *dampa* setup last Saturday teemed with seafood aplenty, which our intrepid reporters and Stay and Cruise program partners that joined the trip were more than happy to indulge on.

A *dampa* eatery usually entails diners to go first to a wet market and buy the ingredients they want to eat—fish, meat, vegetables, and the like—and have the food establishment cook it for them in the manner to their liking. To save time, RWM staff already pre-ordered the dishes.

Between rekindling past experiences coming to Manila and growing up in the Philippine capital (some of the tour participants used to live and work in the city), they feasted on native dishes that included nilasing na hipon *(*literally *drunken shrimp)*, squid adobo, *inihaw na baboy* (grilled pork), crab drenched in tomato sauce, baked mussels, and *sinigang na isda sa misu*.

Some of them even caved in to the hosts' persistent suggestions to try the freshly made mango shake. They weren't disappointed.

During the launch of the Stay and Cruise program at the Winford Hotel in Tayuman later in the evening, dinner was a full Chinese lauriat—a couple of hours after the sheer gluttony that happened at the *dampa.*

Peking duck, braised octopus, steamed chicken, tofu and *kangkong*, and the ubiquitous Chinese noodles were just some of the sumptuous items on the menu. Dessert wasn't shabby too, with one tour participant suggesting that she stuffed a couple of custard buns inside her bag for her midnight snack.

Next day's breakfast was at Copa de Manila, another reference to the Winford Hotel's storied racetrack past, a standard Filipino buffet spread of tocino, beef tapa, fried rice, and a cameo appearance of *pancit* canton greeted the group almost giddy with excitement to begin their cruise aboard the SuperStar *Virgo* luxury liner later that night.

Two days into RWM's Stay and Cruise—even before coming aboard the maiden voyage of SuperStar *Virgo's* Laoag, Kaoshung, and Hong Kong cruise—participants of the FAM tour already were already treated to a gastronomic experience that served as a perfect prelude to the six-day, five-night cruise.

The global hotel brand's Stay and Cruise program aboard the SuperStar *Virgo* is currently accepting reservations. For a starting rate of just $655, cruise-goers get an overnight stay at any RWM hotels.

Guam and Saipan residents can directly avail of the Stay and Cruise package using credit card payments through the SSV RWM BUNDLE option at www.rwmanila.com/stayandcruise. Those interested can also call John Hagemann at +63917878583/ john.hagemann@rwmanila.com or Janine Chua at +639178788576/ janine.chua@rwmanila for more details. For other inquiries and reservations, contact Tourist/Visitor Hotline at (02) 908-8833 or visit www.rwmanila.com.

MARK RABAGO

Media and Stay and Cruise package partners pose for a group photo after enjoying a full-course Chinese lauriat.

MARK RABAGO

Resorts World Manila's Stay and Cruise package FAM tour participants are just about to ready to sit down for a hearty meal at Sharmila Ihaw-Ihaw Paluto Seafood Restaurant along Macapagal Avenue in Pasay City.

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Copa de Manila was so named to reflect Winford Hotel's racetrack past.

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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
March 08, 2017

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS[1]

III. NEW BUSINESS
1. Final Review for Pending Applicants

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER

V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION [2]

VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S/Antonio L. Borja
Chairman[1]

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

RAMON M. BERMUDES JR. PETITIONER
VS.
NANCY D. BERMUDES RESPONDENT

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TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502627, CK, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2017.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Accounting Clerk
Opening Date: March 20, 2017 **Closing Date: April 17, 2017**

Salary: PL 23/01 – $16,651.51 to PL 23/05 - $20,234.11 P/A
(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)

Job Location: NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday , April 17, 2017, OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED no later than April 17, 2017, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

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COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

III. Public Comment

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Adoption of Minutes

VI. New Business
A. Discussion on proposed amendments to exclusive casino license on the following items
a. The Live Training Facility 6 months extension
b. The completion date of Initial Gaming Facility (IGF) 6 months extension from August 2014
c. The completion timeline for phase one
d. Payment schedule of funds outlined in license
e. DPAC

VII. Executive Session
VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

POI Aviation

Invites qualified US workers to apply for the following positions:

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (3)
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive/diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment. Performs mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must also be skilled in parts fabrication. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Load Planning Specialist (1)
Requires: Associate's Degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Senior Airport Service Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associates Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. Five years of airport passenger handling with at least two years of supervisory position. Monitor operational plans, provides leadership to agents, lead agents and junior supervisors to achieve consistently high quality services to customers in compliance with standard operating procedures and KPI's. Knowledge of all passenger (reservations, ticketing and departure control system), aircraft services functions (aircraft cleaning equipment, tools and materials), and the airline industry. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associate's Degree in related field or comparable work experience preferred. One to two years equivalent work experience. Provides assistance and customer service to passengers by performing various customer service duties in the airport such as check-in, reservations, baggage and processing. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Agent (Aircraft) (2)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Must be knowledgeable in the use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Assists passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/ reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Chinese. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Airport Service Agent (Foreign Language) (6)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with at least 2 years' experience working as Passenger Service agent or on any related field of work. Fluency in a specific foreign language (Chinese/Korean) is required. Foreign Language speaking interpreters must effectively convert the verbal communication of one of these languages (Chinese/Korean) into the verbal form of the other. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician (1)
Requires: AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in the use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Airport Service Agent (Passenger) (4)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, assisting passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Cargo) (1)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, preparing documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Must be proficient in the use of CSP Cargo Trac System. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Lead Customer Service Agent (Ramp) (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds and carry it for at least 100 yards. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Technical Operations Supervisor (1)
Requires: Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience with a supervisory capacity in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Plans work and supervises mechanics in performing mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Terminal Operations Supervisor (1)
Requires: Associate's degree in related field. Five (5) years equivalent work experience. Specific airline certification as load planner. Sufficient mathematical skills to perform manual weight and balance calculations. Thorough knowledge in all areas of ramp, cargo and flight operations. Knowledgeable in FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations. Candidates must be able to obtain an Airport Badge.

Accountant (1)
Requires: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 2 years of progressive experience in accounting. Airline industry experience preferred. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software.

Accounting Manager (1)
Requires: College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 27, 2017. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

POI Aviation is an Equal Opportunity Employer
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5 women honored in inaugural awarding rites

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Imperial Pacific International launched its first ever award program last Friday, March 17, at the Pacific Islands Club to recognize five pioneering women in the Commonwealth.

The program, called R.I.S.E.: Women in History, recognized Paulette Sablan, Margarita Aldan, Maisie Tenorio, the late Dolores Marciano and the late Escolastica Cabrera.

The ceremony, launched by IPI's Corporate Social Responsibility Department, honored women who positively impacted the CNMI in the areas of education, healthcare, arts and culture, business, and public service. It was held in celebration of Women's Month. R.I.S.E. means "Respected, inspired, strengthened, empowered."

Family members represented some of the honorees since they have already passed away, or could not make it to the event.

"Our CNMI was built upon the many contributions of women, empowered women, many generations before us, who gave so much toward improving our islands today," said CSR chief Geralyn Dela-Cruz. "They rightfully deserve to be recognized and praised because with them, and those who stood next to them during their pursuits, paved the way for what we are today."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed his gratitude to all the women of the CNMI. "We congratulate all of you, and thank you for all your contributions," said Torres. "All you women are very important to us, we wouldn't be where we are at without all of you."

Felicidad Ogumoro, who chairs the 2017 CNMI Women's Month, encouraged the public to acknowledge women and their achievements. "We should continue to promote women in our homes and in our workforce."

Ogumoro also acknowledged the young women of today. "Young women today are confident, empowered and driven," she said.

Sablan was honored in the category of education. She is currently the principal of San Vicente Elementary School. She served as principal since 2012, but before that, she served as vice principal for two years and the school counselor for three years before that. According to Sablan, working as an educator takes "commitment, patience, and compassion."

Aldan was honored in the category of healthcare. She was not able to make it to the ceremony so her sister received the award on her behalf. In a video of Aldan, she said: "Work in my community is what gives me confidence in my leadership."

Tenorio was honored in the category of public service. She, alongside her husband started the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in 2005. It is a non-profit organization that teaches women, children about sexual violence. "Public work is all about heart, compassion, time, learning about different cultures and serving everyone," Tenorio said.

Marciano was honored in the category arts and culture. The children of Marciano shared a few memories of their mother in the recognition ceremony. "Our mother was very strict about performances," said Marciano's son. Under Marciano's tutelage, the CNMI was recognized in the 80's for its cultural dances.

Cabrera was recognized in the category business for being the first businesswoman in the CNMI. Cabrera's children shared memories about their mother. "She first started with a tailoring shop, then a grocery store, to a bakery, a car rental, and then a snack mobile," said Cabrera's oldest daughter. "Our mother was a good businesswoman but she never got rich because of her big heart. She didn't have a lot but she will always be remembered."

Saipan Adventures, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Supervisor, Operations (3)
High School Diploma or GED. At least three (3) years work experience in a tour/travel agency, sales or service related work preferably with at least two (2) years of experience supervising a team of tour sales agents. Must be able to speak, read, write, and understand English and in Chinese (Mandarin) preferred. Must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than **5:00PM on March 27, 2017**. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Saipan Adventures Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Guam's Chinese Chamber checks out Saipan

ERWIN ENCINARES
Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam president Benson Au Yeung says a few words before TanHoldings president Jerry Tan proceeds to present the status of the CNMI to the businessmen.

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The Chinese Chamber of Commerce Guam visited Saipan in search of business opportunities last Saturday, initiated by the president of the Guam organization.

The organization participated in a familiarization tour that went through Saipan's recent investment sites and even a facility tour of the unfinished Imperial Pacific Resort.

Benson Au Yeung, president of the Chinese Chamber Guam, said the visit is a benefit given to members. According to Yeung, CCCG regularly provides its members opportunities to expand their networks.

In this particular instance, Yeung said he "wanted to take it to the next level," so he reached out to TanHoldings president Jerry Tan and asked if a meeting could be organized.

"All of us do business with other business establishments on Saipan, so I thought rather than call us, I suggested [to our members] that we come here, explore the opportunities and meet some new people," said Yeung.

Tan gave the CCCG members a rundown of the current status of the CNMI economy and politics and even touched on the tourism industry, the upcoming casino industry, and challenges and opportunities for doing business on Saipan.

Tan described the meeting as "a big turnaround from five to 10 years ago," when people were leaving the CNMI.

"Now, [people that left] are not only coming back, there are now new investors coming in," Tan told reporters.

According to Yeung, a few of the CCCG members approached him and told him that there was a desire to open up shop on Saipan in the future.

Yeung said that CCCG has all sorts of different businesses ranging from insurance to restaurants, construction, banks, real estate, developers, and more.

"I believe we can generate some additional business [establishments] and I see new restaurants opening up shop here. I definitely see potential for some of our members."

Former Guam governor Felix Camacho, who joined the trip, appreciated Tan's frankness in the presentation since it covered many issues the Guam investors would encounter later.

Camacho understands most of the problems of the CNMI because Guam also has a few issues that could only be solved at the federal level.

"I appreciate the honesty of the challenges that were presented, mostly challenges due to airline regulations, the number of flights coming [into Saipan], and also the challenges that we face as it relates to the federal government," said Camacho.

Members of local organizations such as Saipan Chamber of Commerce secretary Alex Sablan and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion also attended the meetings.

IT&E launches second cell site in Dandan

IT&E recently increased the network capacity of Dandan, installing an additional cell site last week.

According to Velma Palacios, director of Network Operations, the second cell site will provide additional wireless coverage for both data and voice to the Dandan homestead area.

"Last month, we brought up our first cell site in Tanapag and now we've increased our coverage capacity for LTE in one of our larger areas," Palacios said.

Chief operating officer John Compton said the ongoing improvements to the fiber network and additional cell sites will continue to increase wireless data speeds and coverage.

"We are extending our fiber network to meet the needs of more of our customers of every village and neighborhood. Coming into the mid-part of March, we still have site installations to look forward to, which will enhance speeds in our most crucial areas. As we continue laying our fiber optic cables around the island, we are connecting all cellular sites and improving our LTE services," Compton said.

If you'd like to learn more about IT&E CNMI products, services, or outreach stop by IT&E's Chalan LauLau Store on Middle Road or IT&E's Garapan store inside the TSL building. You can also log onto Facebook at IT&E CNMI or blog.ite.net. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
IT&E's Dandan cell site 2 is up and operational to provide additional coverage capacity to the residents of Dandan.

ISLANDER MINI MART 1
located at San Antonio, Saipan MP 96950

(1) ACCOUNTANT
(1) IT SPECIALIST
(1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER

Job Starts: October 01, 2017

Requirements: Starting rate is $6.55 Flexible working Time and minimum of 2 years actual job experience.

Interested applicants may come and apply at Ground Floor of Marfega Bldg., Airport Road Dandan Village. No phone calls please. Closing date: March 28, 2017

BENCAM ENTERPRISES, INC.
IS LOOKING FOR:

1 ACCOUNTANT
• At least 3 years experience

Send application to:
P.O. BOX 500073 SAIPAN MP 96950
Or call: TEL.: 233-7789

DANDAN AUTO SHOP
located at Dandan Village, Saipan MP 96950

1-AUTO MECHANIC
1-AUTO BODY REPAIRER

Requirements: Starting rate is $6.55 or commensurate with qualifications, Flexible working Time & minimum of 2 years actual job experience.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

SUCCESS INTERNATIONAL CORP.
dba M & R Construction

Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Heavy Equipment Operator

Auto Body Repairer

Auto Painter

Salary Negotiable

Please call or visit our office
Tel. # 322-1558 or 287-1698
Location: Lower Base, Saipan

Century Tours, Inc.
invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Customer Service Agent, (2)
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (02) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English, Korean, Japanese, or Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Tour Sales Representative (11)
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Preferred Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Customer Service Supervisor, Retail (1)
High School Diploma or GED. At least one (1) to two (2) years of related supervisory experience in a luxury retail environment. Must have the knowledge and computer skills to handle the POS register and other operations and communication systems.

Operations Manager (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management, Travel and Tour or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in tour and travel operations is required. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Sales Associate, full-time (2)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Sales Associate, part-time (1)
High School Diploma or a GED with prior work experience in luxury retail sales. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and carry it for at least 100 yards with or without using a trolley. Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Familiarity with the POS System is preferred.

Inventory Assistant (1)
High School Diploma or GED with at least six (6) months retail experience and at least three (3) months of prior receiving, stocking and inventory experience. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Knowledge on the following equipment: POS terminal, photocopier/facsimile machine, and other items as necessary to accomplish assigned tasks. Must be able to lift at least 15 pound items and move up to 50 pound items using a trolley. Must be able to bend, kneel, crouch, or crawl in awkward positions. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Interested applicants may send their applications to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00 PM on March 27, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Saipan Adventures Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant position:

(16) Housekeeping Cleaner
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. 3 months prior cleaning experience in a large volume hotel or large building complex such as hospital is preferred but willing to train the right candidate. Must be able to stand on feet for long periods of time and must be able to lift and carry up to 30 pounds. Must have attention to detail working within the minimum time is essential. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

(5) General Maintenance Worker
Qualification: 2 years experience as a general maintenance worker performing routine preventative maintenance is required. Must be able to repair or replace defective equipment parts is essential. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds. Able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(5) Supervisor, Guest Relations
Qualification: 2 years experience in front office in a supervisory capacity and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications, strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(12) Wait Staff
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Must have ability to calculate figures, volumes and mathematical conversions. Ability to respond to common inquiries complaints from customers. Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(2) Demi Chef
Qualification: 2 years experience as a demi chef in a high volume hotel or restaurant is required. Organized and able to work in a fast paced, high pressure situation is important. Must be able to lift up to 35 pounds. Must be willing to work flexible schedules including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

(1) Accountant – Accounts Payable
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

(1) Accountant – Accounts Receivable
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

(1) Accountant – Cost
Qualification: 4 years progressive experience in this field and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets, knowledge with accounting software in particular SAP, R3, and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays as required.

(2) Manager, Front Office
Qualification: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of 2 years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends and holidays.

Assistant Sales Manager, Korean Market (2)
Qualification: Must have 2 years working experience in sales in the hotel industry at a management level is required and preferably from a full service hotel. Strong knowledge of property management system Fidelio. Possess the ability to think strategically, inductively and creatively. Must have the ability to travel as requested Must be fluent in Korean. Willing to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Baker (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience in creating breads and other baked goods such as cakes, pies and other pastries. Strong math skills, detailed oriented. Familiar with baking equipment. Excellent stamina, ability to stand for long periods and can lift and carry up to 35 pounds easily without any assistance. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Cook (7)
Qualification: 3 years experience as a cook in international cuisine is required and preferably from a full service hotel or a high volume restaurant. Must have problem solving skills, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to work under pressure and adaptable to last minute work preparation. Able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Director of Food & Beverage (1)
Qualification: 4 years progressive responsibility in food & beverage in management level is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant. Solid time management , organization and prioritization skills are essential. Experienced in resolving customer issues/complaints as well as overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Proven ability to effectively build and foster a team environment and make decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays.

Director of Sales & Marketing (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or Business preferred with a minimum of 6 years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales and marketing techniques and financial principles. Fluency in Japanese language is essential. Able to travel off-island occasionally to attend sales meeting as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Electrician (2)
Qualification: 5 years work experience in industrial, commercial and residential building electrical works. Must know how to understand electrical plan. Must be a team player. Must be able to work without supervision. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights, early morning hours and holidays.

E-System Analyst (1)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training and/or vocational training. Must have knowledge on computer software including applications and programming. Must be able to work independently or with very little supervision. Must have attention to detail. Able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

Laundry Attendant (3)
Qualification: Employees in these occupations need anywhere from a few months to one year of working with experienced employees. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations. Experience as a laundry worker is required, preferably from a full service hotel or establishment such as hospital. Must be able to lift and carry 35 pounds. Must be able to stand on feet throughout work shift. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, back-to-back, nights and holidays. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Bartender/Wait Staff (2)
Qualification: High school graduate or equivalent with 1 year of working with experienced employees in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including weekends, nights and holidays.

Accounting Manager (1)
Qualification: A minimum of Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting. 5 Years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable and accounts receivable or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledge and ability in the use of personal computer and software applications particularly SAP R3, FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records, ability to work effectively under pressure. Able to communicate both oral and written. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and weekends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Restaurant Manager (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a restaurant manager in a full service hotel or high volume restaurant is required. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Good problem solving and organizational skills are needed. Requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Ability to speak Japanese, Korean or Mandarin Chinese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualification: 3 years of skilled and increasingly responsible experience in building construction or maintenance work of which at least 2 years shall have been in management level. Knowledge of tools, materials, working practices and methods of the building trades, materials, equipment, working procedures and methods required in a hotel property and grounds maintenance program, and in the repair and minor construction of hotel facilities, landscaping, plant propagation, soils, insecticides and gardening tools, laws affecting the maintenance, repair and construction of hotel facility principles of supervision, training and management. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

IT Manager (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of website technologies. 2-4 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in multi-office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Mason (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a mason is required. Exhibit a personality that demonstrates interpersonal skills to internal customers. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Painter (1)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a painter is required.. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Plumber (2)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a plumber is required. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather and able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Senior Supervisor, Food & Beverage (2)
Qualification: 4 years progressive work experience at a supervisory/managerial capacity in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel is required. Excellent customer service skills, organizational and communication skills are essential. Knowledge with health, fire and sanitation regulations.

Supervisor, Accounts Receivable (1)
Qualification: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably 2 years work experience within the field and in a supervisory level is required. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations and preferably in a full service hotel. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends and holidays.

Supervisor, Food & Beverage (3)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a supervisor in food & beverage in a full service hotel or high volume restaurant is required. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekdays, nights, early morning hours and holidays. Strong customer service skills and is able to work under extreme pressure. Strong knowledge of sanitation policies and regulations.

Supervisor, General Accounting (2)
Qualification: College graduate. Bachelor's Degree in Business administration, major in accounting preferred. 4 years progressive work experience as an accountant in supervisory level. Must be computer literate and proficient in accounting software application particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Must have strong organizational skills and is a team player. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Supervisor, Guest Relations (5)
Qualification: 2 years experience in Front Office in a supervisory capacity is required and preferably from a full service hotel/resort. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to ensure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience while also ensuring the establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Strong customer service and time management skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Supervisor, Housekeeping (5)
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. Two years of supervisory/managerial capacity in a full service hotel, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry.

Supervisor, Landscaping (1)
Qualification: High School diploma or equivalent. 2 years work experience as a landscaper in a supervisory level is required. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends, and holidays. Must be able to lift/carry up to 35 pounds with any assistance.

Supervisor, Mechanical (1)
Qualification: Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree, AND one or two years of mechanical engineering or related and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills, abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends or holidays.

Supervisor, Purchasing (1)
Qualification: Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge skills and abilities necessary for a purchasing supervisor. 2 years of professional purchasing experience including 1 year in supervisory capacity is required and preferably from a full service hotel. Able to work under pressure and time line must. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays when necessary.

Supervisor, Steward (2)
Qualification: 2 years experience as a steward in supervisory level. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on health and sanitation procedure and implementation. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) Carpenter
Qualification: High School graduate or equivalent. 2 years carpentry experience; or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved. Incumbents in this classification are exposed to restricted and intense noise inherent to carpentry positions. Incumbent must lift and carry heavy objects.

(1) Supervisor, Carpentry
Qualification: 2 years work experience in this field in a supervisory level is required and preferably from a full service hotel or large building complex. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects up to 35 pounds.

(1) Executive Chef
Qualifications: Responsible for all food purchase specifications and recipes including that used for restaurants, banquet functions and other outlets. Develop and monitor food and labor budget for the department. Interview, select, train, supervise, counsel and discipline all employees in the department. Maintain highest professional food quality and sanitation standards.
2 years previous experience as executive chef in a high volume hotel or large restaurant. Strong interpersonal , communication and organizational skills are essential.

(3) Tailor/Seamstress
Qualifications: Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) Supervisor, Painter
Two (2) years work experience as Painter Supervisor is required. Skilled in applying paints and other finishes with spray machines and in the use of all tools of the painting trade, proficient in estimating materials and labor requirements. Working conditions are considered acceptable, but involve exposure to outside weather, standing on ladders and scaffolds. Alertness and careful attention is required to avoid injury to self and to others

(1) IT Technical Assistant
Advanced experience in the configuration, installation repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware, network switches, network line connection, routers, Ruckus A/P, phone lines, phone units and other computer peripherals. Advanced experience in networking phone system and security camera. Advanced experience with desktop operating systems and MS applications. Advanced experience with skills in problem identification and problem resolution techniques. Ability to prioritize tasks with long term projects and work in a fast paced environment with minimum supervision, knowledge in property management POS, PBX system, web application, and SAP, must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends holidays and overtime if necessary. Working conditions involve lifting and transporting moderately heavy objects such as computers and peripherals.

(1) Painter
Qualification: 2 years experience as a painter is required.. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Applications may be picked up and submitted at our security office located on the south wing, ground floor. Dead-line for submission of application to be considered is March 24, 2017.

Tinian DPS gets safety equipment for officers

The Tinian Department of Public Safety received on March 10, 2017, new equipment for the department's day-to-day operations.

The new equipment includes rechargeable patrol car spotlights, uniforms, and other essential duty belt implements for each of the department's 13 officers.

The purchase of these equipment was made possible by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, in collaboration with the Tinian Mayor's Office. The delegation passed Tinian Local Law 19-15, signed into law by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in November 2016, appropriating $5,000 to the operations of DPS-Tinian.

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas and Department of Public Safety resident director Juan Santos receive the new equipment.
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For DPS resident director Juan Santos, the additional funding is a tremendous help to his department.

"With the funding assistance of $5,000…DPS-Tinian was able to procure police gear for [its] personnel. The newly purchased gear will play a big role in their professional appearance, ensure that all police officers are equipped when responding to any emergency call, and ensures their safety and those around them and the Tinian community who seeks our services as well.

"On behalf of Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero and the DPS-Tinian, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to…Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas and the Tinian delegation for their continued support and full commitment to ensure the safety of those that put their lives on the line," Santos added.

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, who was present to receive the equipment with DPS, expressed his gratitude for the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation. "I want to thank the Tinian Legislative Delegation for their continued support of our law enforcement agencies." ***(PR)***

IT&E backs Hyatt golf with cash, in-kind donation

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From left, Hyatt Regency Saipan director of Rooms Rosalyn Quintanilla ; IT&E chief executive officer John Compton; Hyatt Regency Saipan F&B director Tyrell Pauling; IT&E Sales & Marketing manager Hans Mickelson; and Hyatt Regency Saipan security manager Robin Eugenio.

Hyatt Regency Saipan 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic was presented with a generous $2,000 cash donation and four Samsung cellular devices from platinum sponsor IT&E.

All proceeds will go to the event's six beneficiaries: Make-A-Wish Foundation, Kagman High School Million Dollar Club, Marianas Behavioral Health International, Karidat, Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

Through the contributions of partnering organizations, the Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic is a channel for displaying care for members of our island community. With a charitable contribution and sharing in the mission, IT&E joins the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic as a platinum sponsor.

"IT&E is proud to be a sponsor of the 21st Annual Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic. Not only is the annual tournament engaging but the mission of assisting our island community is an honorable and exciting endeavor to support. This year, with six beneficiaries, we believe their impact with be even greater. We are privileged to contribute to the kind, selfless volunteers of the Hyatt Regency Saipan," said IT&E chief operating officer John M. Compton.

Since its inception in 1979, IT&E built a legacy as a pioneer and innovator of long-distance, internet, wireless voice and data services, and business solutions, offering its Guam and CNMI subscriber base world-class services for over 30 years. IT&E's most popular market campaign, "Life in motion," was created as a dedication for customers to maintain connectivity in an ever-growing, technologically-savvy society. As the leading service provider in the Marianas and Guam, IT&E continues to empower its clientele with options for services tailored to their individual and/or business needs. The organization continues to focus on increasing coverage to distant ends of the island, adding high-speed wireless data with the investment of both underground cabling as well as wireless networks.

"As we expand our [high-speed wireless data] service and upgrade our fiber optic network, future plans for improved connectivity are underway for the island of Tinian and Rota," said Compton.

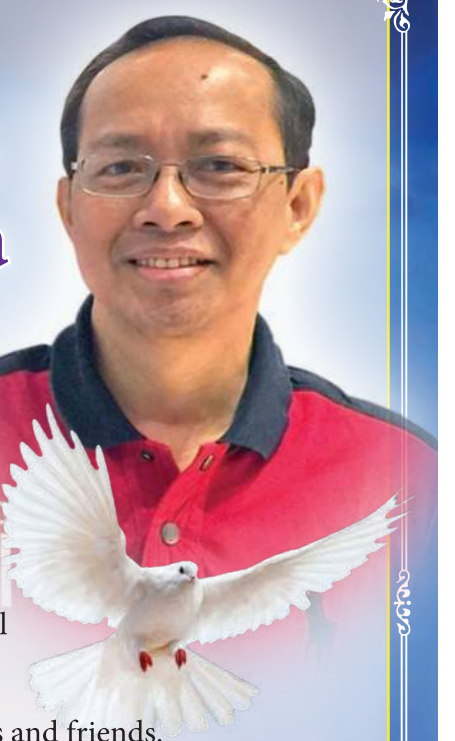
"On behalf of Hyatt Regency Saipan and the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic committee, we are thankful for the valuable and continued partnership with IT&E. Through this joint effort we are giving back to the island community that has supported us throughout our 37 years of business. Although we are uncertain of our future, we are certain that we can and will make a strong impact today," said Hyatt general manager Nick K. Nishikawa.

Hyatt Regency Saipan will hold its 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic event at LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort west course on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Early bird registration is open until Monday, April 17, at 4pm for a rate of $100 per golfer. For more information, contact 234-1234 Ext. 26. ***(Hyatt)***

In Loving Memory of

Soc Nilo A. Villanueva

August 6, 1962 - March 15, 2017



In his new life, he now joins his:
Parents: Benigno P. and Carmelita A. Villanueva

His spirit and memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Siblings: Gil, Benigno Jr., Oscar, Raul and Maria Theresa

He will also be missed by his relatives and friends.

Nightly rosary is being offered at 7:30pm at Kristo Rai Church. On Thursday, March 23, 2017, rosary will be offered at 6:00pm, followed by mass. Dinner will be served at the Kristo Rai Social Hall.

Funeral service will be held in Samar on Saturday, March 26, 2017 at 9am.

The family is eternally grateful for all the support and prayers.

Thank you – Maraming Salamat Po

World

North Korea tests newly developed high-thrust rocket engine

TOKYO (AP)—North Korea has conducted a ground test of a new type of high-thrust rocket engine that leader Kim Jong Un is calling a revolutionary breakthrough for the country's space program, the North's state media said Sunday.

Kim attended Saturday's test at the Sohae launch site, according to the Korean Central News Agency, which said the test was intended to confirm the "new type" of engine's thrust power and gauge the reliability of its control system and structural safety.

Kim called the test "a great event of historic significance" for the country's indigenous rocket industry, the KCNA report said.

He also said the "whole world will soon witness what eventful significance the great victory won today carries" and claimed the test marks what will be known as the "March 18 revolution" in the development of the country's rocket industry.

INTENSE FLOODS
Train tracks lay destroyed in a flooded river in the Chosica district of Lima, Peru, Sunday, March 19, 2017. Intense rains and mudslides over the past three days have wrought havoc around the Andean nation and caught residents in Lima, a desert city of 10 million where it almost never rains, by surprise.
AP

WORLD BRIEFS

Clashes break out in Syrian capital after insurgents attack

BEIRUT (AP)—Fierce clashes broke out in the Syrian capital on Sunday after insurgents infiltrated government-held parts of the city through tunnels overnight, a rare if brief advance after months of steady losses at the hands of government forces elsewhere in the country. Residents said artillery shells and rockets were landing inside the heart of the city, and the activist-run Damascus Today Facebook group reported government air raids over the area of the clashes. Infantry and tank reinforcements arrived on the government side to repel the attack in the afternoon, the group said.

Afghan officials: 12 insurgents killed in 2 drone attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan officials say that at least 12 insurgents including two of their commanders have been killed in separate drone attacks in eastern Afghanistan. Mohammad Rahman Ayaz, spokesman for the provincial governor in eastern Paktika province, said Sunday that the two insurgent commanders were targeted by a drone while they were traveling in a vehicle Saturday in the Barmal district. Meanwhile 10 other insurgents were killed in separate airstrike in neighboring Paktia province, said Zelmai Wesaa, provincial governor for Paktia. Wessa added the attack took place in the Dand-e Patan district near the Pakistani border.

3 young people killed, 6 injured in car collision in Sweden

HELSINKI (AP)—Swedish police and rescue officials say that three young people were killed in a collision of two cars in northern Sweden, and six others have been injured. Ulf Axelsson, head of rescue operations, said that at least two of the injured were children in child seats. He gave no further details. The crash occurred on a bend of a main highway near Lycksele in the northern province of Lapland in what rescue services described as "slightly icy" conditions. However, police declined to confirm details pending an investigation. Police spokesman Michael Liljenberg told Swedish news agency TT that a technical team would investigate before they could determine a possible cause of the collision.

Malaysia hunting for more N. Korean suspects in Kim's death

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian police said Sunday that they are hunting for more North Korean suspects over the killing of the half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. National police chief Khalid Abu Bakar said the new suspects are in addition to the seven North Koreans already being sought in last month's poisoning death of Kim Jong Nam at Kuala Lumpur's airport. Khalid said the new suspects include an "important person," but he declined to give further details. "I do not deny that there are more North Koreans involved in the murder of Kim Jong Nam. We will follow the legal channel to get them," he said. "I do not want to say more than that. If I do, they may run ... but we believe there is an important person too."

US officials begin fingerprinting refugee families on Nauru

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—U.S. security officers have begun fingerprinting refugees held on Pacific islands in the final stage of assessing who will find new lives in the United States, asylum seekers said Monday. Department of Homeland Security officers are taking biometric details from refugees on Nauru, including fingerprints, heights and weights, according to a document circulated among asylum seekers and provided to AP by Mehdi, a refugee on the island nation who for security reasons did not want his family name published. U.S. officials began scheduling appointments with asylum seeker families on Nauru from Monday, Mehdi said.

Canadian wins $1M global teacher prize for work with Inuit

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—A Canadian school teacher who encourages hope and acts of kindness in an isolated corner of Quebec won a $1 million prize Sunday in what has become one of the most high-profile awards for teaching excellence. Maggie MacDonnell was awarded the annual Global Teacher Prize during a ceremony in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, beating out thousands of applicants from around the world. She has worked for the past six years in a remote Arctic village called Salluit teaching middle and high schoolers. According to her biography, Salluit is home to the second-northernmost Inuit indigenous community in Quebec, with a population of just over 1,300, and can only be reached by air.

Life & Style

‘Beauty and the Beast’ roars with monstrous $170M debut

NEW YORK (AP)—Disney’s live-action “Beauty” was a beast at the box office, opening with an estimated $170 million in North American ticket sales and setting a new high mark for family movies.

“Beauty and the Beast” blew past the previous record-holder for G- or PG-rated releases, according to studio estimates Sunday. Last year, Disney’s “Finding Dory” debuted with a then-PG-best $135 million.

“Beauty and the Beast” felled many other records, too. It’s the year’s top opening so far and a new best for March releases, and it ranks seventh all-time, not accounting for inflation.

The film, made for about $160 million, is the latest effort by Disney to re-create one of its animated classics with live action and digital effects. The makeover of the 1991 Oscar-winning film follows previous live-action remakes such as “Alice in Wonderland,” ‘’Cinderella,” ‘’Maleficent” and last year’s “The Jungle Book.” Many more are on the way, too, including those for “Dumbo,” ‘’Mulan,” ‘’Aladdin” and “The Lion King.”

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his image released by Disney shows Dan Stevens as The Beast, left, and Emma Watson as Belle in a live-action adaptation of the animated classic “Beauty and the Beast.”

“Nostalgia is a very powerful driver for these films,” said Dave Hollis, head of distribution for Disney. “What’s exciting here is there is an opportunity to see these beloved stories in a way that’s never been seen before, but you get to build that on the foundation of something that’s very familiar.

“But you don’t get to $170 million because of nostalgia,” Hollis added. “You have to ultimately make these movies great.”

“Beauty and the Beast,” directed by Bill Condon and starring Emma Watson and Dan Stevens, found widespread acclaim and some backlash for including what has been called Disney’s first openly gay character. Josh Gad plays Gaston’s sidekick, LeFou, who has a very brief “exclusively gay moment,” as Condon described it, late in the film.

Though many applauded the character’s subtle twist as overdue progress, some derided it. An Alabama drive-in theater canceled showings before owners screened the film. And after Malaysian censors required an edit of the scene, Disney pulled the film from release in the predominantly Muslim nation. An appeal is to be heard this week.

None of that dragged down the movie’s massive opening. It took in $180 million overseas, including $44.8 million in China, Disney said.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore, said any backlash may have only helped “Beauty and the Beast,” which he predicts will eventually top $1 billion globally.

“As quote-unquote controversies go, this was a real tempest in a teapot,” Dergarabedian said. “This obviously had zero impact on the movie. In fact, those who raise awareness of a movie for whatever reason are generally only helping that movie do better business. I don’t think that was going to dissuade anyone except the most narrow-minded from seeing this film.”

“Beauty and the Beast,” featuring the songs by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, also got a boost from good word-of-mouth and largely good reviews.

Other studios stayed clear of the Disney juggernaut. Last week’s top film, Warner Bros.’ “Kong: Skull Island,” slid to second place with $28.9 million in its second week. The King Kong relaunch has thus far earned $110.1 million domestically.

Fox’s R-rated “X-Men” spinoff “Logan,” starring Hugh Jackman, added $17.5 million in its third week to bring its total to $184 million. With “Logan” in third place, the horror sensation “Get Out” slid to fourth and continued to drive audiences. The Jordan Peele directorial debut, from Universal Pictures and Blumhouse, earned $13.3 million, making its four-week total $133.1 million.

1. **“Beauty and the Beast,”** $170 million ($180 million international).
2. **“Kong: Skull Island,”** $28.9 million ($38.5 million international).
3. **“Logan,”** $17.5 million ($31.5 million international).
4. **“Get Out,”** $13.3 million ($2.9 million international).
5. **“The Shack,”** $6.1 million.
6. **“The Lego Batman Movie,”** $4.7 million ($2.4 million international).
7. **“The Belko Experiment,”** $4.1 million.
8. **“Hidden Figures,”** $1.5 million ($3.5 million international).
9. “ **John Wick: Chapter Two,”** $1.2 million ($2.1 million international).
10. **“Before I Fall,”** $1 million.

Charlie Sheen’s ex-wife takes plea deal in Utah driving case

HEBER CITY, Utah (AP)—A former wife of actor Charlie Sheen has taken a plea deal on charges she wouldn’t stop her car for police.

Citing court records, the Deseret News reports (http://bit.ly/2nHeQwm) that Brooke Mueller pleaded guilty Wednesday to a misdemeanor charge of attempted failure to stop at police command, which was downgraded from a felony.

In exchange, a misdemeanor reckless driving charge and a citation for failing to get her Utah driver’s license were dropped.

Heber City police said they tried to stop the 39-year-old from Park City on Jan. 13 as she was driving 20 miles per hour over the speed limit. She went on 6 miles before stopping, claiming she didn’t see the officer.

Steve Honig, a representative for Mueller, declined to comment on the case on Sunday.

Shaq furnishes home of Atlanta girl who survived dog attack

ATLANTA (AP)—Shaquille O’Neal has bought new furniture for the family of a 5-year-old Atlanta girl who survived a dog attack that left another child dead.

WAGA-TV reports (http://bit.ly/2nr8h4n) Syari Sanders returned home this week after being hospitalized since the Jan. 17 attack. Sanders and 6-year-old Logan Braatz were walking to a bus stop when they were attacked by two dogs. Braatz died from his injuries. The dogs’ owner has been charged with involuntary manslaughter and reckless conduct.

O’Neal met Sanders and her family at an Atlanta furniture store and picked up the tab for new items. The family tells WAGA that the former NBA star and current TNT analyst has been involved with the family since the attack.

Couple's wedding can wait until fiance finds a job

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have been engaged for two years. Our wedding is set for a year from now. I'm thinking about calling off our wedding, not because I don't love him, or because I don't want to spend the rest of my life with him. I know I want that. It's because I'm the only one with a decent job. He has a job, but doesn't earn enough to support us.

I can't be the only one earning an income. How are we supposed to move out of our parents' houses and start a life together if I'm the one doing everything? What will happen when things need to start getting paid for, and there's no guarantee he'll find something? I have talked to him about it, and he's angry. He knows it's time to change his life around and get serious.

Should I keep the date and keep my fingers crossed he'll find a job by then, or postpone our wedding, which has a venue but nothing else planned? I don't need to get married anytime soon, and I'd prefer to wait until he can support himself and we are in a better place financially. Then I feel like we could move forward. Am I making the right decision?

CAUTIOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Yes, you are. You are thinking with your head instead of being swept away by your emotions, and I applaud you for it. I have said for many years that before a woman marries she should be able to support herself, in case future circumstances require it. Well, the same is true for a man.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man. Recently, I rekindled a relationship I had with a guy I was close with many years ago. We have a lot of the same interests.

When he asked what it would take for us to be permanent, I asked that he stop smoking pot. He responded that he does it only "two or three times a year" and that for me to make that request was "controlling." I asked him for no other changes.

I hate the smell of smoke, and pot is illegal in our state, so I broke it off because he wouldn't agree. Did I do the right thing?

TONY IN FLORIDA

DEAR TONY: Yes, because his response to your simple request indicates that any accommodation you asked of him would likely be met with the same reaction.

DEAR ABBY: My 63-year-old husband refuses to cut his hair. It is gray and thinning and is now longer than mine. Even when it's clean it looks dirty.

I was raised to take pride in my appearance. If I say anything about it, he thinks it's funny, or the other extreme, that I am picking on him. He's not a rock star or a young lad. Please help.

NEAT AND CLEAN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEAT AND CLEAN: I'll try. Your mistake is making his problem (poor grooming) your problem. Continue to take pride in your appearance, and if he prefers to look like an old hippie, let him. Neither you nor I can change him, and because his tresses are thinning, the problem may resolve itself.

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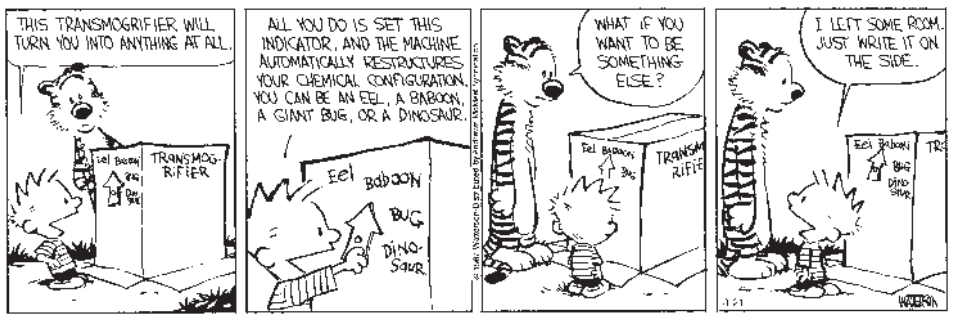
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WHAT IF YOU WANT TO BE SOMETHING ELSE?
I LEFT SOME ROOM. JUST WRITE IT ON THE SIDE.
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By Jim Davis

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LIKE WHEN YOU CAN'T REMEMBER IF YOU DID SOMETHING OR NOT?
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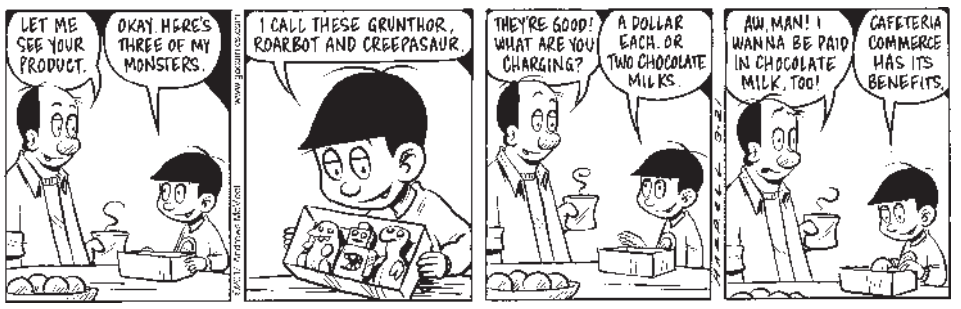
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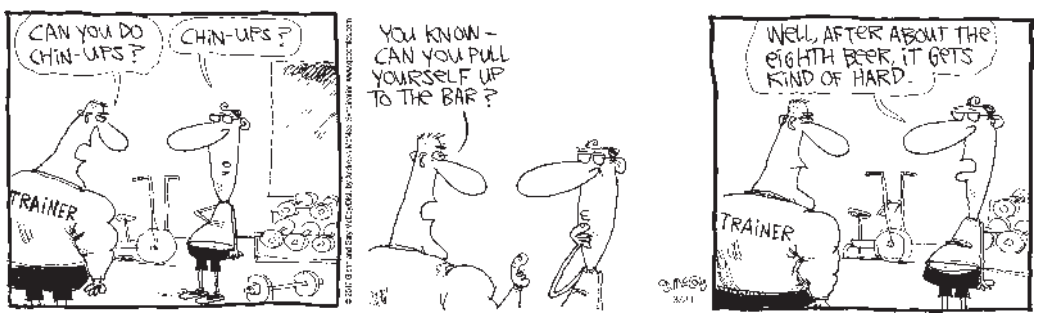
CAFETERIA COMMERCE HAS ITS BENEFITS.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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26 Frolics
30 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
31 Tofu source
32 Protuberance
33 Dome-shaped candy
35 Gaggle members
36 Crib
37 Cooking fuel
38 Tripoli's land
41 Energy
42 LPs' successors
45 Addict
46 Rescue vessel
48 Peace-keeping org.
49 Hill dweller
50 Verdi opera
51 Actor McGregor
52 Mac alternatives
53 Unsigned (Abbr.)

DOWN
1 Ancient Brit
2 Classic theaters
3 Falling-out
4 Bottom line
5 Over-charge for tickets
6 "— Misbehavin'"
7 Tibetan beast
8 Couch potato's nickname
9 Location
10 Complain
11 Piercing tools
16 Channel marker
20 Gun the engine
21 "She Walks in Beauty" poet
22 24 hours
23 Pooch
24 Outback bird
25 Rotating part
26 Officer
27 Fish eggs
28 NFL six-pointers
29 Observe
31 Junior
34 Estuary
35 Be slack-jawed
37 Presents
38 "Clair de —"
39 Caesar's "vidi"
40 Alpha follower
41 Galvanizing matter
42 Mint product
43 Pedestal part
44 Ollie's pal
46 Napkin's place
47 Sheepish remark

Solution time: 22 mins.

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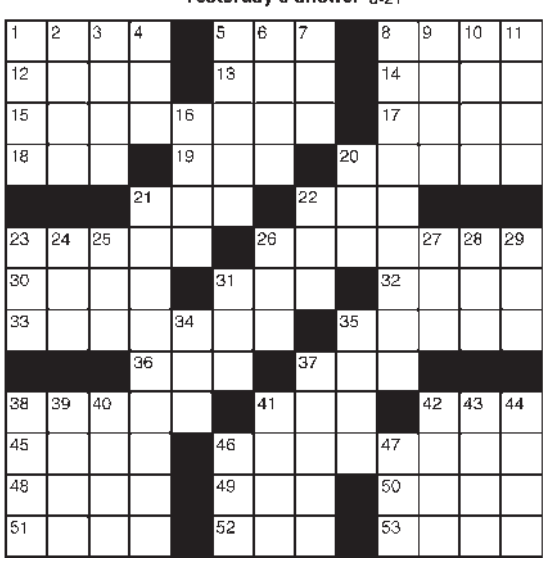
Yesterday's answer 3-21



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Matthew Broderick, 55; Rosie O'Donnell, 55; Gary Oldman, 59; Timothy Dalton, 73.

Happy Birthday: Diplomacy will be required when dealing with anyone who can influence your reputation, position or your future. Be willing to pitch in and help out willingly. You can stabilize your life if you take action, are progressive and make a point to be productive. Don't let anger get the best of you. Welcome constructive criticism. Your numbers are 7, 12, 19, 21, 26, 35, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Be a self-starter, a participant and a helper. A positive attitude and a diplomatic way of handling those less benevolent than you will help you overcome any pitfalls you face. Don't let an emotional incident slow down your productivity. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Call on past experiences and you'll find a way to take over situations instead of being controlled. Secretive action will help you get more done in a shorter period of time. Discipline and hard work will be rewarding and promote gains. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Look for any opportunity to get ahead in business. Apply for positions, offer your services and show off your potential, but don't oversell or offer something that you aren't capable of delivering. Balance and integrity are favored. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: You'll be tempted to get into a situation that could cost you your job, reputation or a friendship you have with someone. Don't let impulsiveness take over, causing you to act on false assumptions. Stay calm and ask pertinent questions. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Hold on tight and shoot for the stars. Trust in what you know and what you can do. Refuse to let anyone rain on your parade or throw you off guard. Embrace life and aim to improve your standard of living. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Don't make an impulsive financial or legal decision. Time is on your side and strategic planning will get you where you want to go. Short trips and networking events will pay off. Take better care of your health and control your emotions. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Moderation and a simple lifestyle will be in your best interest. Taking on too much or getting involved with someone who is demanding or unpredictable will be costly. Question your motives and be honest about the way you feel. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Be willing to listen to good advice. You can bring about worthwhile changes at home and within important partnerships by offering your insight and presenting solutions to existing problems. Strive for personal perfection and be complimentary towards others. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Don't let an emotional situation ruin your day. Try to accommodate those you have to deal with. You can stabilize a situation that develops with peers or children if you show discipline, restraint and offer reasonable solutions. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Emotions will be difficult to control. Try not to act too fast or use tactics that will be frowned upon. Keeping the peace will be in your best interest. Take an alternative route to get what you want. Choose peace over pandemonium. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Don't let emotions stand between you and what you want to accomplish. Rely on the past to come to your rescue when tough choices have to be made. Instill in others the beliefs that matter most to you and you will gain support. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Your need to help others must be looked at objectively. Doing too much will result in being taken advantage of, leaving you at a loss. Offer suggestions, but refrain from taking over. Don't let your heart rule your head. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring and kind. You are generous and proactive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1		9	8			3	
9		4				1		7
	6			1			5	
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6		1				7		3
3								
	3			5			2	
1		9				3		6
	2			6	7		1	

Difficulty Level ★★ 3/21

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	2	9	4	1	6	7	3	5
3	4	5	9	2	7	8	6	1
1	7	6	5	3	8	4	2	9
7	8	2	1	6	5	9	4	3
6	9	4	8	7	3	1	5	2
5	3	1	2	4	9	6	8	7
9	6	8	7	5	2	3	1	4
4	5	3	6	9	1	2	7	8
2	1	7	3	8	4	5	9	6

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

HERDING DOGS Solution: 6 letters

D	E	N	G	L	I	S	H	F	B	A	N	C	M	P
R	L	B	L	A	C	K	M	O	U	T	H	C	U	R
E	K	A	O	X	S	I	O	N	I	L	A	M	D	O
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H	N	W	L	V	F	S	R	R	P	U	L	I	R	E
S	D	A	P	O	I	A	A	H	O	L	D	L	K	I
H	C	V	I	L	E	R	S	P	E	C	R	O	I	L
A	O	O	E	B	B	T	D	P	O	E	O	H	N	E
T	M	H	T	U	O	R	E	L	H	L	L	I	G	R
O	M	E	H	C	A	E	L	T	I	I	Ⓟ	Ⓔ	Ⓣ	Ⓢ
K	A	U	K	I	H	I	A	E	L	N	I	A	R	T
A	N	L	R	S	E	G	O	D	N	A	A	N	A	C
D	D	B	E	R	G	E	R	P	I	C	A	R	D	Y

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Yesterday's Answer: Everything

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1 Aircon Technician, 2 Front desk Minimum Wage. Mail resume to P.O. Box 505478, Saipan, MP 96950 Or call 670-288-6904 look for Robert or Louliah

1 Operations Manager. Bachelor's degree and at least 5 years experience in construction industry required. 1 Construction/Maintenance worker. Extensive knowledge in masonry, plumbing, electrical and carpentry work. Can read blue print and can work w/o supervision. Able to lift heavy blocks and flexible in work schedule. Send resume to P.O. Box 503317 Saipan or email to noel96950@yahoo.com. GMA Corp.

1 Accountant, 2 Maids & Housekeeping Cleaner, 1 Plumber, 2 General Maintenance & Repair Worker, 1 Carpenter, minimum salary. Please mail resume to Life Care Center International Inc. P.O. Box 505478, Saipan MP 96950 or call 670-288-6903/04 look for Robert.

1 Comp.Sys.Mngr.; 1 Comp.Sys. Admin; 1 Comp. Specialist. Must be graduate of any computer related course.W/ 3-5 yrs exp.US Qualified applicant send resume at marianasoutsource@gmail.com

1 Building & Grounds Maintenance. $6.55/hr. Mail resume to Pacific International Marianas, Inc. dba Midway Motors. P.O. Box 500887, Saipan MP 96950.

2 Maintenance & Repair Workers, 2 Computer Support Specialist, minimum salary. Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053, Saipan MP 96950.

1 Accountant Bookkeeper/Computer Operator - $6.55 w/ 10yrs exp & knowledge in Accounting & Taxes. Japanese Foods Import/Export docs related. Mail resume to SPE SAIPAN Box 502696 Saipan MP 96950.

(8) Houseworker, (2) Laundry Worker, (2) Computer Support Specialist (2) Maintenance & Repair Worker, Minimum salary Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053 Saipan, MP 96950

(1) Taekwondo Instructor, $10.25/hr. (1)Administrative Assistant, minimum salary. Mail resume to Blue Dragon Martial Arts Corporation at P.O. Box 506310 Saipan, MP 96950

(1) Operation Manager $9.75/hr and (3) Camera operators, Television, Video and Motion Picture, minimum salary. Mail resume to Saipan TV Productions PMB 272 Box 10000 Saipan MP, 96950

(2) Cook, minimum salary. Mail resume to Everest Kitchen Company PMB 1311 Box 10002 Saipan MP, 96950

(5) Heavy equipment operator, (2) Shipping & Receiving Clerks, (2) Auto Diesel Mechanic, (1) Freight supervisor, (1) Trucking & Maintenance Manager, (1) Sales Manager-Freight Forwarding. Mail resume to Cargo Express, Inc. P.O. Box 506391 Saipan, MP 96950

UNDERWATER ADVENTURES, LLC.
Vacancy Announcement
1-General Manager
2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japanese (reading, writing, speaking)

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to edwardcalvo@gmail.com

QCM, LLC.
Is seeking for the following:
(6) Construction Workers
U.S. only with 5 years experience in multiple trades. Must have own reliable transportation, no housing, no insurance. Minimum wage.
Job starts: October 1, 2017
Send references, police clearance and resume to QCM, LLC. at PMB 3602 Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950.
Closes on: March 27, 2017

Let's Go Tour Company

invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following position:

OPERATIONS MANAGER (1)

Graduate of a 4-year degree course and with a minimum of 6 years of professional, progressive management experience and at least 4 years of general management experience in business operations. Must have experience in business operation reporting, contract negotiation with suppliers and service contractors including identifying new business opportunities. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives. Must be able and willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00 PM on March 29, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Let's Go Tour Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

LSG Sky Chefs

LSG SKY CHEFS is looking to hire qualified U.S. workers for the following positions:

- Airport Concession Supervisor
- Maintenance Worker (2)
- Counter Attendant (2)
- Cook (2)
- Food Service Supervisor
- Operations Supervisor
- Baker

Applications are available at the Main Office located on airport road, situated between American Red Cross Office and Historic Preservation Office, or send resume to rita.taitano@lsgskychefs.com. Deadline for submission is Monday, March 27, 2017.

Job Vacancy Announcement

2 Housekeepers

Applicants should be able to perform light to moderate cleaning duties to maintain private households or commercial establishments, in a timely and orderly manner. Ability to perform duties like cooking, making beds, climb short ladders, cleaning restrooms, kitchens, rooms and halls. MUST BE ABLE to work nights/weekends/holidays. Additional requirements: Fluent in English, be of good moral character, must be able to follow required grooming standards, provide current police clearance and have some previous housekeeping experience.

Send resume to
Spring Valley Manpower Agency
P.O. Box 501120, Saipan MP 96950
670-234-8445
springvalleysaipan@gmail.com

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following vacant position:

Bartender (1)

Qualification:
High School graduate or equivalent. 2 years progressive work experience as a bartender is required and preferably from a full service hotel or high volume restaurant. Must have a pleasing personality and sound judgment. Good customer service skills required. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including week nights, weekends and holidays.

Applications may be obtained and submitted to our security office on the ground floor, south wing. Deadline for submission of application to be considered is March 26, 2017.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

Business Analyst/Developer
Associate's degree in computer science and programing with at least 3 years of progressive work-related experience in Information Technology. Must have experience in analyzing data to draw business-relevant conclusions and in data visualization techniques and tools

- Solid experience in writing SQL queries
- Basic knowledge in generating process documentation
- Robust knowledge in developing web-based application and Mobile APPS
- Strong written and verbal communication skills including technical writing skills
- Experience working with System Builder

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

STRATEGIC GAMING SOLUTIONS, INC.

is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

General Manager (1)
College graduate in Business Management plus ten (10) years casino management experience and five (5) years as a Casino Manager. Knowledge in financial management, forecasting and budgeting, strategic planning, marketing brand reinforcement, networking and stakeholder communication skills.

Cook (1)
Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

Administrative Accounting Clerk (1)
Bachelor degree in Accounting plus two (2) to three (3) years accounting experience. Must be familiar with SAP and Excel.

Food and Beverage Manager (1)
Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, business administration or other 4-year college equivalent plus three (3) to four (4) years experience in restaurant, bar business and food handling. Knowledge and experience in strategic planning, workforce planning, performance management and alignment, highly motivated, organized, outgoing with excellent communication and leadership skills.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at our HR Office located within Kanoa Resort, Susupe Beach Road from Monday to Friday between the hour of 10:30am to 5:30pm. Applications must be supported with resume and certificates. Last day of submission of application is March 23, 2017.

Strategic Gaming Solutions, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

SHADES OF PARADISE (SAIPAN) LLC

Accounting Technician / Bookkeeper (1)
Start Rate $7.75 per hour

Must be college graduate in Accounting or Associates degree with a minimum of 4 years employment working in the field of accounting. Must be proficient in QuickBooks Accounting Software, Microsoft word and excel. Must be able to work in PC and apple computer. Must know how to drive with valid driver's license.

Interested or Qualified applicants send resume to: pss.admin@sopguam.net "No Phone Call."

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Minimum salary
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
1 Baker
1 Accounting Associates
2 Cook
1 Purchaser
With 2-3 years experience wiling to work on flexible hours.
Please send resume to JNJ CORPORATION PMB 114 Box 10002, Saipan MP 96950

SAIPAN HEALTH CLINIC

Registered Nurse: (01)
- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN License
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in nursing
- At least three to six years experience
- English language skills-proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Front Office Manager: (01)
- At least over six years experience in medical billing, electronic health records and practice partner record
- Must be familiar with medical terminology, ICD 9, coding of medical procedures and diagnosis
- College graduate
- English language skills-proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Must be certified pharmacy technician
- Must be proficient in computer skills, spreadsheet and general accounting skills.

Ultrasound/X-Ray Technician: (02)
- At least six years experience or related field
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Radiology Technology
- Must be over six years experience in electronic health and practice partner records
- Experience/knowledge with practice partner software in electronic health records usage
- Licensed by Medical Professional Licensing Board, CNMI

General Yard Maintenance: (01)
- At least two years preferred skills and experience
- Experience in assisting in building construction/renovation
- Maintaining the interior and exterior of the clinic in a neat and orderly condition
- Maintaining of plants in transplanting and fertilizing
- Assist in cleaning of clinic air conditionings
- Be flexible in assisting in other related maintenance duties
- Be flexible with time schedule

Healthcare Clinic System Manager: (01)
- Minimum of three to five years of work related skills, knowledge or experience
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Maintains specialized computer programs relating to health care operations (medical billing, patient records, scheduler)
- Maintain all of company computer systems to include computer hardware, software, computer network and advance server skills
- Oversees medical billing department utilizing specialized computer software
- Oversees administrative areas and designs, develops and maintains a paperless computer system
- Building maintenance repair, electronic records and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with Medicare and Medicaid standards
- Performs such other duties as may be assigned

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up application at Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit application or resume will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

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(Photographer)
10 years experience with an average skills in Computer Design

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Able to speak/understand Korean and Japanese language.

Salary commensurable to experience.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Building Maintenance Repairer (2)
High School graduate or equivalent, 5 years work experience in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, masonry, and various other construction and repair work. $7.05/hour

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High School graduate or equivalent with 5 years work experience. Must be honest and trustworthy. Works flexible hours. $7.05/hour

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General Mechanic (1) - Minimium of 5 years professional experience as general mechanic, repairs and maintains physical structures of the facility, repairs of vehicles, office machines and equipments, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, air condition, and all other equipments of the company. Rate $6.55 to $7.50/hr.

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- Minimum of 5 years experience
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1 Commercial Cleaner
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1 Admin Assistant
1 Accountant
1 Sales Agent (China Market)
3 Waiter/ Waitress
1 Deck Hand
3 Cook
1 Marine Sports Instructor
1 Computer Technician
1 Mechanic
1 Baker

With 2-3 years experience wiling to work on flexible hours.
THE ROSE EMPIRE CORPORATION
PMB 2153 Box 10002, Saipan MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
4 Mechanic
1 Marine Sports Instructor
1 Computer Technician
With 2-3 years experience wiling to work on flexible hours.
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
2 COOK
With 3 years experience wiling to work on flexible hours.
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Auto Marine Incorporation
(2) Diesel Engine Mechanic
At Least 3 years Experience in Mechanical Job
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At Least 3 years Experience in Mechanical Job
Contact No. 323-2916
Contact Person: Adonis I. Santos

Saipan Tribune is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting and Circulations Manager (1)
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Associate Editor (1)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

Circulations Coordinator (1)
Associate degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Graphic Designer (2)
Associate degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Art Director
Associate degree in Graphic Design or other related course. Minimum 5 years work experience in computer graphic and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be able to assign and direct staff members to develop design concepts into art layouts. Reviews and approves art and copy materials developed by staff, and proofs of printed copy. Presents final layouts.

Managing Editor (1)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

Reporters (2)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation

Sports Reporter (1)
Associate degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English or any related course; At least 2 years experience in sports writing. Above average writing skills, with strong grasp of grammar and syntax. Must be able to write stories based on score sheets. Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment. Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player. Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on a short notice. Must be computer literate and have photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation.

Accountant (1)
Associate Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

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Accountant
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Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

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Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

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Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk
High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system).

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Kyrie gets 46, but Cavaliers barely beat Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kyrie Irving scored 46 points, LeBron James added 34 and the Cleveland Cavaliers had to rally from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to edge the last-place Los Angeles Lakers, 125-120 on Sunday night.

Kevin Love had 21 points and 15 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who needed every bit of their full lineup to survive a surprising challenge from the Western Conference's last-place team.

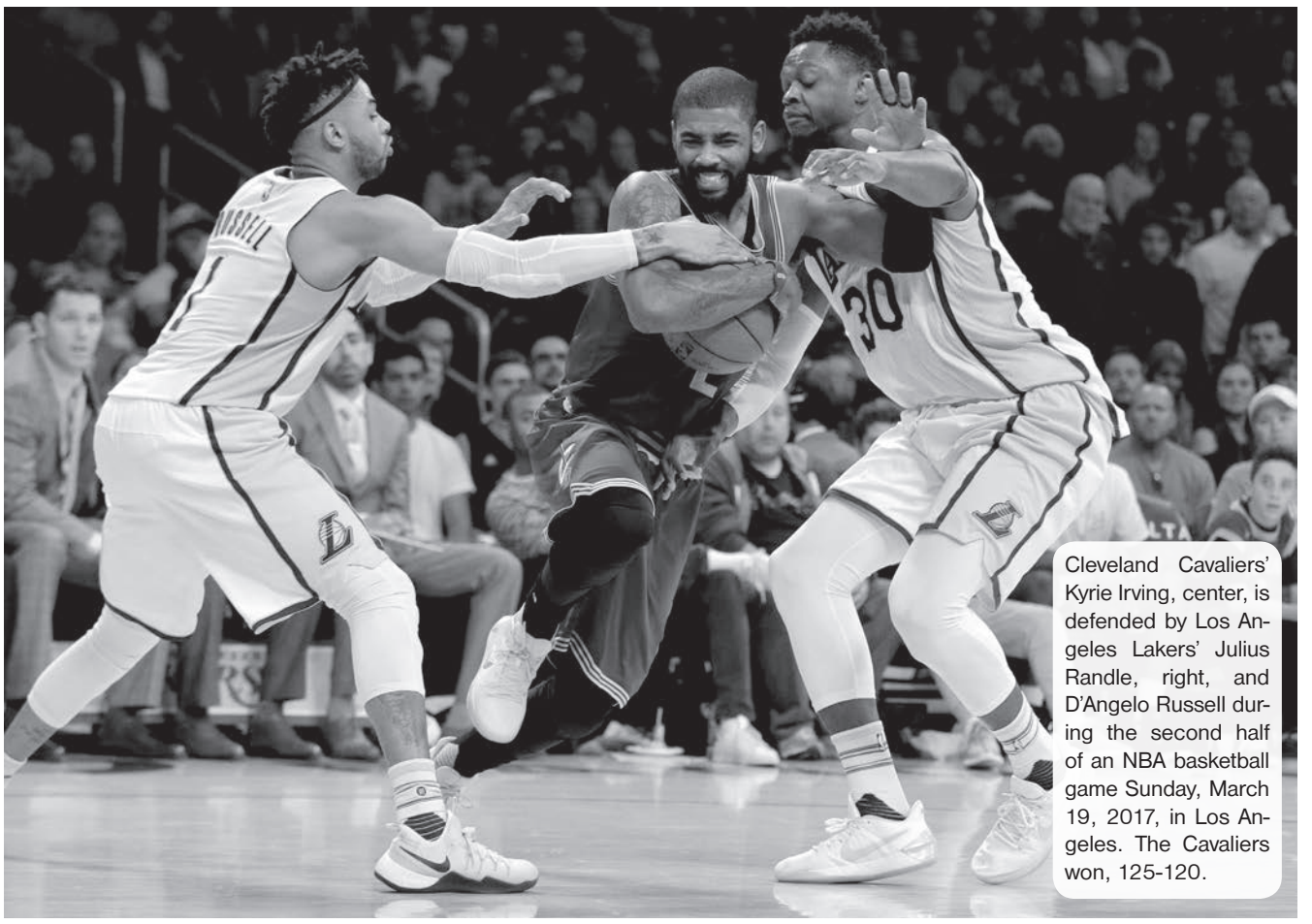
"We were out of sync a little bit, but they shot the ball extremely well," James said. "We just had to figure out a way to weather the storm. ... (The Lakers) played well. They don't look like a team that's won only 20 games."

James, Love and Irving all sat out the defending champs' blowout loss to the Clippers earlier in the weekend, angering fans and the national television audience. James, the budding entertainment mogul with a game show on NBC, joked with Denzel Washington and other celebrities while he played, but still made sure the Cavs got their work done.

"(The Lakers) played well against us, but I know our team and the way we are," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "Sometimes you have to understand it is not a show, but a competition. When we get to LA and play teams like this, we consider it a show instead of a competition. When you get down early, it hurts your confidence, and now you've got to fight and try to win your game."

D'Angelo Russell scored a career-high 40 points in a spectacular return to the starting lineup for the Lakers, who have lost five straight and 13 of 14. Russell hit seven 3-pointers and had six assists while committing just one turnover in 41 minutes.

"He's a special guy," James said. "He's a special player. Russell was extremely hot tonight, and those guys fed off him."



Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving, center, is defended by Los Angeles Lakers' Julius Randle, right, and D'Angelo Russell during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, March 19, 2017, in Los Angeles. The Cavaliers won, 125-120.

Trail Blazers 115, Heat 104

In Miami, Damian Lillard scored a season-high 49 points, 28 after halftime, and the Portland Trail Blazers continued their playoff push by beating the Miami Heat.

Lillard tied a career high with nine 3-pointers, giving him 1,002 for his career. He shot 14 for 21 from the field, 9 for 12 from 3-point range and made all 12 of his free throws.

Jusef Nurkic added 21 points and 12 rebounds for Portland (32-37), which moved within a game of idle Denver for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference. C.J. McCollum scored 18 points and Noah Vonleh added 11 for the Trail Blazers.

James Johnson scored 24 points for Miami, which lost for just the second time in its last 17 home games.

Spurs 118, Kings 102

In San Antonio, Pau Gasol scored 22 points, LaMarcus Aldridge added 18 and San Antonio rolled past Sacramento to snap a two-game skid.

Kawhi Leonard had 12 points in 27 minutes, sitting out the fourth quarter after the Spurs led by as many as 28.

San Antonio (53-16) moved within two games of idle Golden State (55-14) for the NBA's best record.

Buddy Hield had 18 points, matching his high with the Kings since being acquired Feb. 20 in the trade that sent All-Star big man DeMarcus Cousins to New Orleans.

The Spurs had to overcome an abysmal start to win their 10th straight over the Kings. San Antonio missed its first eight shots and 12 of 13 in falling behind 14-2.

Sixers 105, Celtics 99

In Philadelphia, Robert Covington made the go-ahead 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter to lift Philadelphia over Boston.

Dario Saric scored key baskets to extend the lead and bolster his bid for NBA Rookie of the Year. Saric had 23 points and helped rally the 76ers from a 13-point hole in the third.

Covington buried a 3 with 3:37 left that put the Sixers up 94-91, and Nik Stauskas hit his own with 38 seconds left for a 103-97 lead that sent fans inside a packed Wells Fargo Center into a frenzy.

The Sixers, who thumped Dallas 116-74 on Friday night, improved to a respectable 17-19 at home. They won 10 games total last season.

Raptors 116, Pacers 91

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 22 points in three quarters, and all five Toronto starters were in double figures against Indiana.

DeRozan added four assists and three rebounds and was able to rest the entire fourth quarter as the Raptors cruised to their second straight victory. Serge Ibaka had 16 points, while Jonas Valanciunas finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds as the Raptors improved to 41-29.

Paul George had 18 points for the Pacers, who lost to Toronto for the eighth time in the last nine regular-season meetings.

Mavericks 111, Nets 104

In New York, Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and nine rebounds as Dallas beat Brooklyn.

J.J. Barea scored 20 points and Harrison Barnes added 19 for the Mavericks.

Brook Lopez had 27 points and Spencer Dinwiddie scored 18 for the Nets.

The Mavericks led 94-92 with more than five minutes left before Barea scored nine straight Dallas points. Barnes followed with two layups that made it 107-101 with 26.5 seconds remaining.

Pistons 112, Suns 95

In Auburn Hills, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 23 points and Detroit overcame a sluggish performance for the much of the game, finally pulling away from short-handed Phoenix.

The Suns were without several top players, but they still led the playoff-chasing Pistons 65-53 in the third quarter. Detroit finished strong in that period and then built a double-digit lead of its own in the fourth.

Andre Drummond had 18 points and 18 rebounds for the Pistons, and Aron Baynes had 13 points and 17 rebounds.

Tyler Ulis had 17 points and 11 assists for the Suns.

Phoenix was without guard Devin Booker (right ankle), guard Ronnie Price (left leg), guard Leandro Barbosa (illness) and forward Dragan Bender (right ankle). The Suns have also been playing without Eric Bledsoe, Brandon Knight and Tyson Chandler, choosing to give young players more time.

Pelicans 123, Timberwolves 109

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 28 points and 12 rebounds to lead New Orleans past struggling Minnesota.

DeMarcus Cousins added 15 points and 11 rebounds in his return from a one-game absence because of left knee and rib soreness. Reserve guard Jordan Crawford scored a season-high 22 points in 21 minutes for the Pelicans, who have won four of five. Jrue Holiday had 21 points and shot 4 of 5 from 3-point range.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 33 for the Timberwolves, who lost their third straight. Andrew Wiggins added 25 points and reserve Shabazz Muhammad had 20 for Minnesota. Ricky Rubio chipped in with 10 points and 14 assists for the Wolves, who built a 13-point lead in the second quarter only to fade late as New Orleans closed the game on a 21-10 run.

It's been a season of coaching stability, rare for NBA

MIAMI (AP)—There were 10 coaching changes in the NBA during this past offseason, an unusually high number.

Stability has somehow reigned since.

With less than a month remaining in the regular season, all 30 coaches who started back in October are still in their jobs. If that holds, this would be the first time in 53 years that no team has made an in-season change for any reason.

"I'm obviously a big fan of all the guys that coach in this league," said Dallas coach Rick Carlisle, who also serves as president of the National Basketball Coaches Association. "I know them all well. They've all earned their positions. And this league should be a stable league."

It rarely is.

The only seasons where there wasn't at least one in-season change were 1960-61 (an eight-team NBA) and 1963-64 (a nine-team NBA). The Toronto Huskies had four different head coaches in 1946-47 - the league's first season. Technically, 1954-55 would have been coaching-change free if the Baltimore Bullets hadn't replaced Clair Bee with Al Barthelme three games before the franchise disbanded.

Out of the current 30 coaches, 12 have been in their current job for less than two seasons. There have been more than 230 coaching changes since Gregg Popovich took over in San Antonio in 1996, and 100 since Miami's Erik Spoelstra got promoted to the first chair by the Heat in 2008 - just a few days before Carlisle became Dallas' coach.

"It's a little bit skewed," Spoelstra said, noting the zero moves this season come after an offseason of widespread change. "I wouldn't necessarily jump to that conclusion that organizations have changed their perception and won't pull the quick trigger. It's never just about coaching. It has to be a collaboration, with players, with personnel and most importantly with personnel and management. Thank God we have that here."

Combined, the league's current coaches have 11 NBA titles as head coaches. Popovich (5), Spoelstra (2) and Carlisle (1) have eight of those.

Maybe that shows the worth of franchise stability, or shows the consequence that comes with not winning the ultimate prize.

"Patience usually pays off," said New Orleans' Alvin Gentry, who has been involved in six in-season coaching changes - three times as the coach coming in, three times as the coach who's out. "Sometimes there's extenuating circumstances as to the adjustment of your team and becoming consistent and things like that. I think you have to be patient and understand that sometimes it doesn't happen overnight."

Golden State and Houston get plenty of notoriety for what they do from 3-point range.

Quietly, both teams are historically good from inside the arc right now.

Since the 3-point line came into the NBA game, only two teams—the 2013-14 Miami Heat and 1984-85 Los Angeles Lakers —finished the regular season shooting at least 55 percent from 2-point range.

The Warriors and Rockets are both on pace to join them. Golden State is at 55.4 percent through its first 69 games, and Houston is making 55.1 percent of its 2s after 70 games.

Miami shot 55.8 percent in 2013-14, and the Lakers shot 55.5 percent in 1984-85.

Late eagle carries Leishman to victory at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -- Marc Leishman kept shifting his eyes toward the glare coming from the silver Arnold Palmer Invitational trophy at his side. Beyond the shiny prize, between two images of Palmer, was a black banner with six words that defined how Palmer approached the game.

"You must play boldly to win."

Leishman followed that script Sunday to a one-shot victory at Bay Hill.

He didn't flinch over three key par putts over the last four holes. And even after his most disappointing shot down the stretch, a 9-iron on the par-5 16th hole that settled 50 feet away from the flag, the 33-year-old Australian knocked it in for an eagle that allowed him to jump past Rory McIlroy, Kevin Kisner and Charley Hoffman into the lead alone. He never gave back, and no one could catch him.

The timing couldn't have been better for Leishman, except at the end.

"It's sad not to have him up there walking off the 18th green, to be that first guy to walk off and not be greeted by Arnold Palmer," Leishman said. "But he's left such a great legacy, and I'm sure he will be proud of how everything has gone this week."

The occasion was no less joyous. Leishman's final act was a 45-yard pitch from short of the 18th green that ran out to 3 feet, a putt that looked a lot closer when he saw the replay on television. He calmly knocked that in for a 3-under 69.

Onto the green ran his two sons, ages 5 and 3, as wife Audrey waited for him. Just two years ago, Leishman worried he wouldn't have her. He was called away during practice at Augusta National upon learning his wife was suffering toxic shock syndrome. Doctors put her in a coma to help fight the infection.

"It's been a wild ride and it makes golf ... I want to do it well, but it makes it less important. It's not life and death," Leishman said. "It's just great to be able to share this with someone."

The oldest boy, Harvey, kept asking him when he was going to bring home the trophy. This was a big one.

To honor Palmer, who died in September, the PGA Tour now awards a three-year exemption and raised the purse to $8.7 million, meaning Leishman won $1,566,000—just $295,857 less than what Palmer won in his PGA Tour career.

Leishman finished at 11-under 277.

Kisner and Hoffman, tied for the 54-hole lead, each closed with a 73 and had their chances.

Kisner had a three-shot lead at the turn, but he didn't make a birdie over his last 11 holes. Hoffman shot 39 on the front nine, rallied to get back into a share of the lead when Kisner faltered with a pair of bogeys and then three-putted for par on the 16th and made bogey from the back bunker on the 17th.

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Marc Leishman of Australia holds the championship trophy after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament in Orlando, Fla., Sunday, March 19, 2017.

"I had it right there in the palm of my hand to win, and I didn't get it done," Kisner said.

Rory McIlroy had as good a chance as anyone, storming into a share of the lead by hooking a wedge around a tree, over the water and over the green on the 16th, then nearly holing the eagle chip. He had a 30-foot birdie putt to tie for the lead on the 18th, and after seeing that Leishman had made eagle on the 16th, gave it a good run. The putt went 8 feet by and three-putt for a 69 to finish two shots back.

"These things happen," McIlroy said. "But I'm pleased with how I went. Ten under for the weekend around here is good scoring, and I can take a lot of positives from it going into next week."

Leishman was lurking all day, and a 6-foot putt to save par from a bunker on the 15th kept his hopes going. The turning point came on the par-5 16th, playing only 515 yards with the wind, and Leishman's tee shot left him only a 9-iron to the green that he tugged to the left.

Standing over the putt, he backed off and recalled the same putt from a practice round Tuesday. He missed it by 3 feet to the left.

"So I read it and I was over that putt and I actually remembered that I hit that putt, so I backed off, took another practice swing and adjusted my read," he said.

It poured into the heart of the cup for an eagle and the lead.

In the group behind him, Hoffman's approach to the 16th was inches away from staying on top shelf. He rammed it 8 feet by and three-putted. Kisner's approach from a fairway bunker just ran off to the right, behind a bunker that left him a difficult flop shot. It came up short and into the bunker, and he had to scramble for par.

Leishman was No. 62 in the world and only had two weeks left to secure a spot in the Masters. The victory takes care of that.

Thornwell leads South Carolina to upset vs Duke

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina is heading to Madison Square Garden)—and not for the NIT.

A Gamecocks program known largely)—and mocked often by some)—for its back-to-back NIT championships in 2005 and 2006 is now heading to the world's most famous arena as part of the NCAA's Sweet 16. They are making their first appearance in the regional semifinals since the bracket expanded after an 88-81 victory Sunday night over No. 2 seed Duke in the East Regional.

And Sindarius Thornwell says he believes bigger things are ahead.

"We're not satisfied," he said. "We're in it, so why not win it?"

The Gamecocks (24-10) seem capable of anything after this one.

Thornwell had 24 points, Chris Silva scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and Duane Notice had 17 points, 14 in a 65-point second half, as South Carolina rallied from 10 points down for a second straight NCAA victory.

The 65 points were the most given up in a half by a Mike Krzyzewski-coached Duke team.

The Gamecocks shook off a 20-percent shooting first half for the win.

"I told the guys at halftime, someone's got to have the courage and make shots," South Carolina coach Frank Martin said.

When the horn sounded, South Carolina players, coaches and staff rushed to the fans at Bon Secours Wellness Arena to celebrate)— a crowd that included Houston Texans Pro Bowl defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, a former Gamecock.

Next up is the East Regional where South Carolina takes on third-seeded Baylor, an 82-78 winner over Southern Cal earlier Sunday.

Duke (28-9) was attempting to reach the round of 16 for the sixth time in eight seasons. The Blue Devils, though, could not surmount South Carolina's stifling defense. Leading scorer Luke Kennard had his second straight subpar shooting game, finishing 1 of 6 for 11 points before fouling out.

The Blue Devils made five of their eight 3-point attempts in the first half, yet only 5 of 19 after the break. They had tied a season high with 18 turnovers against the relentless Gamecocks attack.

Silva added 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double this season.

Grayson Allen led Duke with 20 points.

Krzyzewski said South Carolina's physical nature wore down his team in the second half.

"That's the most physical team we've faced all year," he said.

Even as South Carolina got in front, Duke believed it could mount a comeback like the several it pulled off last week to become the first ACC champion to win four games on the way to a title.

"We've done it before. We thought we could," Matt Jones said. "The shots just didn't fall today. We couldn't find enough energy to muster up that late push."

In Sacramento, UCLA had trouble getting its high-octane offense going in the first half against Cincinnati's big, athletic defenders.

Once the Bruins got rolling, there was no stopping them -- all the way into the Sweet 16.

Next up: A blue blood rematch with Kentucky in the South Regional semifinals.

Lonzo Ball scored 19 points and ignited UCLA's rally from a poor start with nine second-half assists, lifting the third-seeded Bruins to a 79-67 victory over Cincinnati on Sunday in the South Regional.

"I don't know of a more fun basketball team to watch when we're clicking and we've had a lot of games where we've been clicking," UCLA coach Steve Alford said.

UCLA (31-4) had a hard time solving sixth-seeded Cincinnati's active defense in the first half, unable to get shots to drop or get out in transition. The Bruins found a new gear in the second half, breaking out for dunks and dropping in strings of 3-pointers to quickly push the lead to double digits.

UCLA had 21 assists and three turnovers, earning its third Sweet 16 appearance in four seasons under Alford, erasing—at least in part—the 15-17 letdown of a year ago.

The Bruins will face No. 2 seed Kentucky in the South Regional semifinals Friday in Memphis. UCLA had one of its biggest wins the past two seasons against the then-top-ranked Wildcats in December, knocking them off 97-92 in Lexington.

"It's a very, very good basketball team," Alford said "I think they're better now in March than they were when we played them in December and I think we're better than what we were in December as well. Makes for a great matchup."

Cincinnati (30-6) had no real answer when the Bruins got rolling, falling short of their first Sweet 16 appearance since 2012. UCLA hit 19 of 30 shots in the second half, including 7 of 14 from 3-point range against the Bearcats.

Jarron Cumberland had 15 points to lead Cincinnati.

"Once they got on a roll a little bit, they were running downhill," Bearcats coach Mick Cronin said. "Fatigue got us. It affected our defense."

TanHoldings hands Kanoa first loss in co-ed U12 division

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TanHoldings grabbed the lead from Kanoa-1 after posting a 7-2 victory in their co-ed U12 duel in the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

John Anthony Bergancia powered TanHoldings to the big win after scoring four goals, three of them came in the first half. He made it to the board in the fifth minute and then got his second and third in the 17th and 18th, while his last was registered in the 44th. Three other TanHoldings players hit the board for the new division leader with Andrei Kaith Lynn Echavez, Joseph Mark Roque, and Angelo Pulido lighting up the board in the 17th, 43rd, and 52nd minute, respectively.

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Southern United Football Club, second left, and TanHoldings players collide as they battle for the ball during the second half of their girls U15 division game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

TanHoldings now has a 4-1-1 record, one win ahead of Kanoa-1, which absorbed its first loss this season after winning its first three matches and drawing its fourth. Only Markus Toves scored for Kanoa-1 last Saturday with his first goal made in the 18th and the second in the 47th.

In the other co-ed U12 division game, MP United kept the third spot in the five-team field after downing Kanoa-2, 8-1.

Garett Weaver, Andrew Chung, Cody Shimizu, and Kristoffer Pascual scored two goals apiece for MP United, which improved to a 3-2-1 record.

Kanoa-2, which drew its two goals from Ronian Laxamana, is still winless in five games to remain at the bottom of the team standings.

Meanwhile, TanHoldings barged into the win column of the girls U15 division after edging Southern United, 1-0, last weekend at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Mary Joy Aniana registered the lone goal in the game in the 50th minute to hand TanHoldings its first victory this season after dropping its first three. With the win, TanHoldings moved up a bit in the team standings, as it now occupies the sixth spot, while Southern United is at the bottom with its 1-0-3 slate.

Seattle celebrates MLS Cup title with win over Red Bulls

SEATTLE (AP)—Jordan Morris fell awkwardly on an already sore ankle during the first half on Sunday. At halftime the Seattle Sounders team doctor suggested subbing him out and letting him rest with matches for the U.S. national team upcoming.

Morris argued with the doctor— his father Michael— to stay in the match. An argument the younger Morris eventually won.

"We were going to go out there and try for 10 minutes and see and it felt fine. A little bit of pain but nothing too bad," Morris said. "I always want to be playing."

Morris drew a penalty to set up Seattle's opening goal in the first half, scored on a header in the 66th minute to retake the lead, and the Sounders celebrated last year's MLS Cup title with a 3-1 win over the New York Red Bulls on Sunday.

More than 45,000 turned out for Seattle's home opener and were rewarded by goals from Clint Dempsey on a penalty kick, Morris' finish off a beautiful buildup and Harry Shipp's redirected goal off Joevin Jones' shot in the 79th minute.

Morris was a constant threat throughout but the knock on his ankle is not good news for U.S. coach Bruce Arena ahead of Friday's World Cup qualifying match against Honduras. The U.S. already ruled out forward Bobby Wood due to a back injury. Morris was flying to join the national team Sunday night and didn't think the ankle was going to be a major issue.

"I sprained it in preseason a little bit and it's the same ankle but I could play 60 minutes on it or whatever so that's promising," Morris said. "I'll get it looked at down there but I think it will be fine."

Morris drew the penalty that led to Dempsey's second goal of the season when he was tripped in the box in the 27th minute by Red Bulls goalkeeper Luis Robles. Bradley Wright-Phillips pulled New York even in the 57th minute with a header off the inside of the far post, but Morris' first goal of the year proved to be the game-winner.

Shipp's goal was his first since joining Seattle in the offseason, a deft redirection of Jones' shot from distance that curled just inside the post for a late two-goal advantage.

The loss snapped New York's 18-match unbeaten streak in the regular season dating back to last season. The Red Bulls had not lost an MLS regular season match since July 3, a 2-0 loss against New York City FC. Wright-Phillips' goal was his first of the season after leading the league in goals last year.

"It was going to end sometime, but in this fashion, I'm not happy with that," Wright-Phillips said of the streak. "We could have kept going. But the performance today wasn't good enough."

Eight years to the day Seattle made its MLS debut with a victory over the Red Bulls, the Sounders celebrated their first MLS Cup title with New York again playing the complementary role.

The championship trophy was paraded through the streets of downtown Seattle before the match, then across the field by retired defender Zach Scott and injured captain Brad Evans just before kickoff. The Sounders unveiled their green championship banner in the rafters of CenturyLink Field as well after spending the first two weeks of the MLS season on the road.

Seattle was staked to the early advantage because of a mistake by New York defender Damien Perrinelle. His poor back-pass to Robles allowed Morris an opportunity to pressure the Red Bulls' goalkeeper and created the trip that led to the penalty kick.

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the back. Dave Largent rounded out the Top 3 after scoring a 14-over par 86, built around his 39 on the front nine and 47 on the back.

In the B Flight, Kwom Oh Tae fired an 8-over par 80 with his 40s on both nines to rule the field. Benjamin Maborang was ranked second with his 12-over par 84 and 42s on both nines. Third placer Daniel Quitugua hit a 13-over par 85, scoring a 43 on the front nine and 42 on the back.

C Flight winners were led by champion and former CNMI governor Juan N. Babauta, who came up with a 13-over par 85. He beat second placer Luis Cepeda in scorecard tiebreak. Babauta scored 41 in his first nine holes and 44 in his last, while Cepeda made a 43 on the front nine and 42 on the back. Third placer John Compton got a 15-over par 87, with a 42 on the front nine and 45 on the back.

Seniors' Flight was no slouch as Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho led the pack with 4-over par 76 after posting a pair of 38s. He beat hole-in-one winner Jang Hyew Duck, who after sinking the par-3, 130 yard hole No. 6, ended up with a 5-over par 77 (40 on the front nine and 37 on the back). Joung Park came in at third with his 6-over par 78—37 on the front nine and 41 for the back.

Meanwhile, in the Ladies Flight, Chang Hee Yoo topped the Low Gross category with her 9-over par 81, while Shiori Onoue was the Low Net winner.

The champion in each flight went home with $500 cash, while the second and third finishers got $300 and $200, respectively.

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in the division and placed second overall.

Moises was the swimmer on the team and completed the two-lap race in the waters off Micro Beach at the 29:03 mark (26th place out of 51 swimmers). Ferrer took over in the bike leg and his 2:03:11 ranked him at No. 22—even ahead of Japanese pro Takahiro Ogasawara (2:03:41). For the finish, Ortizo timed in at 1:21:45 (23rd best), giving his team a more than two-minute lea against runners-up Kento Akimaru, Narlo Jacosalem, and Dencio Bautista, who combined for 3:57:19. Akimaru was the first swimmer (in the relay) out of the water after clocking in at 19:59, while Jacosalem and Bautista registered 2:14:36 and 1:22:14 in the bike and swim legs, respectively.

Completing the Top 3 finish in the men's division were Christian Villacrusis, Rhenmer Remillosa, and Butch Sublemente. Villacrusis gave his team a good start as he was second in the swim leg for the relay after submitting 21:58. The squad was still in a close fight against the eventual Top 2 finishers after Remillosa recorded 2:12:07 in the bike leg. However, Villacrusis and Remillosa had to settle for third after Sublemente fell behind in the run leg with his 1:28:18 mark.

Meanwhile, Jinju Thompson, Wynn Brillo and Rintaro Miyawaki teamed up anew and ruled the mixed relay.

The trio, which placed second in their division last year behind by only 10 seconds against the champion squad, combined for 3:54:54 to finish way ahead of its competitors. Thompson completed the swim leg in 27:56 for the third best in the relay, while Brillo's 2:13:59 was also ranked No.3 in the team event. Miyawaki, on the other hand, was the fastest runner in the relay after timing in at 1:12:59.

Miyawaki and company finished nearly 20 minutes ahead of runners-up Emily Northrop, Ferdinand Ramos, and Ronald Villafria, who timed in at 4:13:12. Vince Seman, Noe Valdissimo, and Nicole Harkness came in at third after logging 4:47:42, while Neda Farzan, Tina Goodwin, and Chris Fryling finished fourth with their 5:04:55.

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Sablan, and Grafton Howard made two runs each to give the Braves the early double-digit lead.

However, Pirates-2 mounted a comeback in the last four innings with Evan Mendiola's RBI double at the bottom of the sixth inning moving his team within one with two outs. Mendiola then reached third off a passed ball from Taisei Desebel to keep Pirates-2 in the game. However, not for long, as Desebel struck out Ryder Alvarez to end the match and foil Pirates-2's upset bid.

Norita went 4-for-4 in the Braves' close win and scored four RBIs and two runs. His RBI single at the top of the fifth inning gave his team cushion. Norita's hit brought Grafton home in that inning and the latter also recorded an RBI single earlier.

In the Ol'Aces-Twins tiff, the former zoomed to a 15-0 advantage and never looked back to barge into the win column.

The Ol'Aces got three earned runs at the top of the first and registered seven of their 10 runs in the second off the Twins' miscues for the easy win.

Tyler Taitano and Dave Borja both went 3-for-4 at bat for the Ol'Aces. Taitano also scored three runs and one RBI, while Borja had three RBIs, three runs, one triple and two doubles.

In the second game, Bank of Saipan finished strong to beat Pirates-1 after only four innings.

Bank of Saipan set up the early win via 10-run mercy rule after collecting 10 runs at the top of the third inning, turning a deadlock (4-4) to a 14-7 lead. Bank of Saipan's top of the order all reached home plate and two batted twice and scored two times. The eventual winner had four earned runs in the pivotal inning.

Pirates-1 then answered with only three runs at the bottom of the third, while Bank of Saipan added six more runs at the top of the fourth to put more pressure to its foe. Pirates-1 went on to falter at crunch time after making only two runs at the bottom fourth.

2017 XTERRA Saipan Swim Leg

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Saipan participants in last weekend's 2017 XTERRA Saipan pose for a photo before the start of the swim leg in the waters off Micro Beach.

The Philippines' Joe Miller tries to chase the lead group.

From left, Tyce Mister, Jinju Thompson, Tetsuto Sugimori, and Caleb Wang head back to the water for the last of the two-lap, 1.5-kilometer swim leg.

Australia's Ben Allen, left, and New Zealand's Sam Osborne, get out of the water.

Saipan Swim Club's Taiga Sato, Austria's Carina Wasle, and Russia's Alesandr Dorovskikh make their way to the swim-bike transition area.

Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru, right, tries to catch up with Japanese Olympian Yuichi Hosoda.

Mieko Carey runs along the shore to head back to the water.

Slovakia's Emil Duraj checks his watch as he goes for the final lap of the swim race.

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Braves, Ol'Aces triumph

Junior golfer stands out in NMC tourney

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Arguably the youngest participant in the Northern Marianas College Foundation's 14th Annual Golf Tournament, junior golfer Edward Lee packs a powerful strike that rivals those decades beyond his age group.

The 13-year-old Lee ruled the Championship Flight of the tournament held on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort last Saturday after shooting a 5-over par 77. He fired a 39 on the front nine and a 38 on the back to prevail against six other golfers in his division.

Ryan Kim, who came in at second place with his 7-over par 79, recorded a 42 on the front nine and a 37 on the back. He beat Daryl Poe through the scorecard tiebreak. Poe matched Kim's score after carding a 43 on the front nine and 36 on the back.

A Flight first placer Soo Lim Sung came up with a 10-over par 82, logging 39 on the front nine and 43 on the back to beat Frank Sablan. Sablan posted a 12-over par 84, recording a 45 on the front nine and 39 on

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Championship Flight winner Edward Lee, center, is joined in the photo by Northern Marianas College president Carmen Fernandez, right, and NMC Foundation board chair Mary Tenorio, during the awards ceremony for the 14th NMC Foundation Golf Tournament held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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The Ol'Aces' Joshua Fitial throws a pitch during the bottom of the second inning of their game against the Twins in the Majors division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Braves and Ol'Aces banked on their strong start to down separate opponents in the Major division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Braves edged Pirates-2, 16-15, in the first game, while the Ol'Aces topped the Twins, 18-7, in the final match. Bank of Saipan played in the second tiff and prevailed against Pirates-1, 20-9.

In the curtain-raiser, the Braves built an 11-1 lead after the first two innings and withstood Pirates-2's late surge to save the win.

Tristan Norita had a two-RBI double and an RBI single in the first and second inning for the Braves, who earned five runs at the top of the first and six in the second. Norita also scored one run, while Heath Camacho, Patrick Celis, Jylon

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Repeat winners in XTERRA Saipan relay

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The tested trio of Ernie Moises, Bob Ferrer, and Roy Ortizo made it back-to-back after topping the relay race in last Saturday's 2017 XTERRA Saipan Championship.

The winning team completed the 1.5-kilometer swim, 30K bike, and 12K trail run in 3:54:44 to finish first overall and get the men's relay gold medal in the 16th edition of XTERRA's Crown Jewel. The champion squad's time last weekend was just a minute and change slower than its mark (3:53:22) in 2016 when it defeated four other squads

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JON V. PEREZ
The Top 3 finishers in the men's relay race of the 2017 XTERRA Saipan pose with their medals during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.